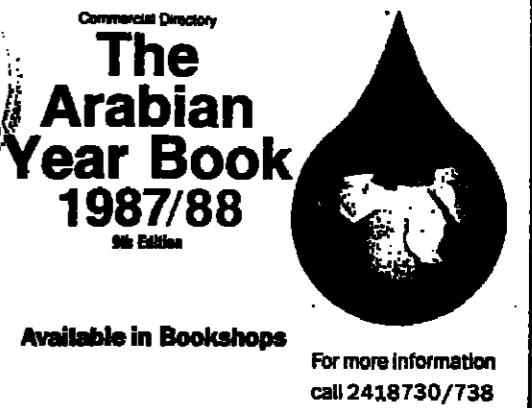




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## Stocks soar

NEW YORK, (Reuter): Wall Street's blue-chip stocks reconquered the 2,000-point level in heavy trading yesterday as many investors were carried away by hopes that recent US interest rate increases had peaked. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 52.45 points at 2,008.89, its high for the day, at mid-afternoon. The Dow last closed above 2,000 on May 16.

## Mandate renewed

UNITED NATIONS, (Reuter): The Security Council has unanimously approved a six-month renewal of the mandate of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (Undof) which serves as a buffer between the Syrian and Israeli Armies in the Golan Heights. The new mandate expires on Nov. 30. Undof, established in 1974, is made up of about 1,330 officers and men from Austria, Canada, Finland and Poland.

## Visit postponed

VIENNA, (Reuter): Austrian President Kurt Waldheim has postponed scheduled visits to the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait next week because they would clash with the forthcoming Arab summit in Algiers, his office announced.

## Diplomatic ties

VIENNA, (Reuter): Czechoslovakia and the United Arab Emirates will establish diplomatic relations on June 1, the official Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka has reported.

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## WEATHER

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with moderate to fresh north-westerly wind causing dust. Stage of sea moderate to rough. High water: 1.00 am, 11.00pm. Low water: 6.00 am, 7.00pm. Sunrise: 4:49 am. Sunset: 6:43 pm. Maximum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 47°C 117°F. Ahmadi: 43°C 104°F. Fallaka: 38°C 100°F. Minimum temperature recorded: Kuwait: 36°C 94°F. Ahmadi: 39°C 94°F. Fallaka: 36°C 94°F. Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 42°C 108°F. Ahmadi: 39°C 102°F. Fallaka: 37°C 99°F. Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 21 per cent. Ahmadi: 25 per cent. Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 25 per cent. Ahmadi: 26 per cent. Fallaka: 26 per cent.

## Pakistan's President may head own interim government

# Opposition rejects election under Zia



Benazir: unacceptable



Javeed: sacked

KARACHI, May 31, (Reuter): Pakistan's main opposition parties said today they would not participate in elections controlled by President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

"Any election held under Zia's supervision cannot be acceptable to us," Benazir Bhutto, head of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), said in a statement in reply to Zia's announcement on Sunday that he would call elections within 90 days.

Mairaj Mohammad Khan, convenor of the nine-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), said he agreed.

Meanwhile, diplomatic sources said Zia may himself form a caretaker government to replace the one he sacked at the weekend.

### Probe

The sources, who declined to be identified, said Zia's closest aides told them as much during a briefing and reception held by the President for the diplomatic community to explain why he dismissed his government on Sunday.

Zia has said he would announce the names of a caretaker government soon.

Political analysts said Zia's unexpected dismissal of his government could be an attempt to extend his power into the 1990s, and if the opposition boycotted this election, as they did in 1985, they could seriously damage their power base.

In Karachi, Pakistan's biggest city, police were seen pulling down thousands of opposition

party flags.

But eyewitnesses said heavily armed troops, who arrived there yesterday ahead of Zia's televised address to explain his actions, had been withdrawn.

In Islamabad, Zia announced today that in seven days he was ordering an enquiry into the financial affairs of members of the dissolved National Assembly, the lower house of Parliament.

### Powerful

Zia said former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Javeed had allowed the country to become corrupt and virtually bankrupt.

Some political analysts said Zia may also have sacked Javeed because the prime minister was becoming too powerful and had started to interfere in Army affairs as Minister of Defence.

They said Zia was already fitting loyal men into key positions. Zia can appoint about 100 new

ministers in the capital and the four provinces for a caretaker administration. Such patronage gives him great influence, said one analyst.

Today, retired General Fazal Haq was appointed caretaker head of the North-West Frontier Province, and Nawaz Sharif, dubbed "Iron man of the Punjab," was reappointed to control the Punjab. Both are known as close Zia associates. Two other ministers were also appointed in Punjab. They are: Chaudhury Abdul Ghafoor and Malik Allah Baksh Tiwana.

### Base

Western diplomats said they saw no sign that the Army, commanded by Zia, had any desire to govern the country again.

This suggested Zia genuinely wanted an election and could be looking to consolidate the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) as his base in civilian politics to carry

on. The 1985 elections were contested on an individual basis. Zia has said the next elections would be on a party basis.

"The terms of this bargain are such that the opposition parties are likely to be damned if they go along with it, and damned if they do not," said one Pakistani analyst in the Star newspaper yesterday.

his power through into the 1990s, they said.

Benazir, daughter of Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto whom Zia deposed in 1977 and then executed on contested murder charges, said free and fair elections could only be held under the kind of supervisory body agreed before Zia's coup.

That agreement provided for an equal number of officials from both government and opposition to oversee any election.

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## Israeli troops accused of brutality

TEL AVIV, May 31, (Reuter): A UN official accused Israeli troops today of random brutality and a parliamentary committee was told military excesses were the main cause of the Palestinian uprising in Israeli-occupied territories.

William Lee, spokesman for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, said: "There are random beatings. I believe it is pervasive, random and unprovoked, and it is used for the purposes of intimidation."

Participants at the closed meeting of the foreign affairs and defence committee quoted Sarid as saying he had obtained documents showing that 5,130 people had been wounded in the uprising.

At least 207 Palestinians and two Israelis have died in nearly six months of unrest.

UN spokesman Lee said the Army had beaten Palestinians on days when relatively little violence had occurred. Last weekend, he said troops beat 19 Palestinians, including a four-year-old boy and a man of 60.

"It has become routine. This is

told a parliamentary committee that a senior official responsible for the occupied territories had blamed unrest on Army brutality and degradation.

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## Soviets withdrawing from key Afghan towns

ISLAMABAD, May 31. (Reuter): Soviet forces have started to withdraw from larger Afghan towns crucial to the Soviet-backed government's defence of the country, latest Western intelligence reports say.

They are withdrawing from Gardez and Ghazni in the south-east, Kandahar in the deep south, and Herat in the far west, said Western diplomatic reports reaching Pakistan from Kabul today.

Western military sources said the gradual withdrawal of Soviet forces poses a serious threat to the morale of government troops left alone to face mujahideen guerrillas.

The reports, quoting usually reliable Afghan sources, said desertions of government troops had increased.

Government forces are now demanding to be withdrawn from the south-eastern border town of Khost which has held out against the guerrillas since Soviet forces arrived to support Kabul in 1979 and now appears threatened, they said.

Local guerrilla commanders said they would take Khost in two months. Western diplomats said it might be earlier.

### Fighting

Fighting in Kandahar continues to be fierce and witnesses reported planes full of bodies returning from there to Kabul.

Some diplomats said guerrilla rocket attacks on Kabul over the past week have been the heaviest so far this year.

They reported unusually loud explosions in the city and said the guerrillas may be using a more powerful type of rocket with a longer range.

Diplomats would not confirm reports that rebel commander Ahmad Shah Massoud in the Panjsher Valley north-east of Kabul had agreed a stand-off with the Soviet command.

A spokesman for Jamiat-e-Islami said on Monday that all Soviet and Afghan troops had left the valley, which straddles the main line of Soviet retreat north.

Most guerrilla groups say they prefer to let Soviet troops go and save their strength for attacks on Kabul forces.

## Meeting with Shultz just a courtesy

# US peace initiative will fail: Rabin

By Susan Sappir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 31, (Reuter): Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said a Middle East peace initiative advanced by US Secretary of State George Shultz offers no chance of success in a year of American and Israeli elections.

The Shultz initiative, calling for an international peace conference to launch direct Arab-Israeli talks, tops the US agenda of regional issues at this week's Moscow summit between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Had it been launched a year ago, it would have had a chance," Rabin told college students on Monday.

### Visit

"In the Arab world, and here, people know that a peace initiative is not something that can be achieved in a month, or three months. They know that elections are due in the US and here," he said.

Rabin met four prominent pro-Jordanian Palestinians yes-

terday to discuss the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip after nearly six months of an anti-Israeli uprising.

Dr Yasser Arafat, director of West Bank hospital services, quoted Rabin as saying a visit by Shultz to Israel and other Middle Eastern states later this week had no chance of success.

"He said we are receiving him because we are two very friendly countries, and our meeting is going to be a courtesy meeting, but we think that it cannot produce anything under the circumstances," Arafat told Israel Radio today.

Shultz is due to begin his fourth Middle East peace mission this year immediately after the Moscow summit.

An Israeli official said Rabin met Palestinians twice in the past week and planned additional meetings in keeping with his promise to speak to Palestinian leaders once the uprising subsided.

The official characterised the participants at a meeting last Thursday as pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and at yesterday's meeting as pro-Jordanian.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev accused Arabs with anti-Israeli motives of starting bush fires in Israel.

He told reporters that in one case "an Arab boy admitted he did it because of the intifada (uprising)."

In Tel Aviv, Israel's Army

But Arafat said the Palestinians yesterday were dissatisfied with the meeting's outcome.

A nine-month-old Palestinian girl lost her eye yesterday when she was hit by rubber bullets fired by Israeli soldiers dispersing a demonstration in the Gaza Strip's Jabalya refugee camp, hospital sources said.

An Army investigation showed the mother, carrying the girl in her arms, had been running towards her brother, a stone-thrower in the demonstration, a military spokesman said.

A southern Israeli military court convicted a soldier, private Yaakov Tamir, of killing a Palestinian in January in Gaza City's Shajaiye district. An Army spokesman said Tamir, who confessed to the killing, would be sentenced on Sunday.

Barred

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Stemmer said the soldier

chief of staff barred two top commanders from speaking today at a conference on the Palestinian uprising, prompting organisers to cancel the event.

Aryeh Shalev, organiser of the symposium at Tel Aviv University's Jaffa Centre for Strategic Studies, said the chief of staff, Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, rescinded permission he had earlier given to the commanders.

Meanwhile, legislator Dedi Zukier of the Citizens' Rights Movement submitted an affidavit to Rabin from reserve soldier Ariel Stemmer, who said he saw a 12-year-old Arab boy attacked as he emerged from an Army bus transporting him to Dahariye prison near Hebron.

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● An Indian labourer tries to cool off under the spray of a burst water main in New Delhi as temperatures in north India continue to rise. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Superpower summit

(Continued from Page 1) and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze signed several secondary agreements including a pair of arms accords.

Under one pact, the superpowers will notify each other at least 24 hours in advance of the time, place and intended target of intercontinental-range missiles tests. The other sets up joint experiments this summer in Nevada and Semipalatinsk of devices to measure underground nuclear test explosions.

Reagan, continuing his campaign to promote freedom and human rights in the Soviet Union, met over lunch at the House of Writers with artists, filmmakers and writers.

Later, he told students at Moscow University that they are living "in one of the most exciting, hopeful times in Soviet history."

But despite his support for Gorbachev, the two leaders failed to achieve any breakthrough on a 30 to 50 per cent reduction in long-range bombers, land-based missiles and nuclear submarines.

Squabbling over Star Wars — Reagan's space-based defence system — and sorting out pesky verification problems stand in the way.

"I'm sure," Gorbachev said, "that if the President makes good use of his time that we have remaining, I'm sure that we will be able to prepare the treaty."

Both sides expressed a commitment to seeking agreement before Reagan leaves office next January.

Soviet officials announced today that Gorbachev will give a news conference in Moscow tomorrow — believed the first-ever by a Kremlin number one on Soviet territory.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Reuters awards

LONDON, May 31, (Reuter): The Reuter Foundation has awarded fellowships to seven journalists from developing countries to study in universities in Britain, the United States and France.

The foundation said Chen Yu, a photographer on Malaysia's Malay Mail, was given the Willie Vicky fellowship to the University of Missouri. The award is named after a Reuter photojournalist killed in an ambush in the Philippines in 1986.

### Relief warning

BEIRUT, May 31, (UPI): The Norwegian aid committee warned today it will halt its relief work in Lebanon within a week unless a Belgian doctor who disappeared 10 days ago while working for the group shows up.

"Within a week, Norwac will stop its operations in Lebanon unless Dr (Jan) Cools returns to us," said spokeswoman Kristin Ingelbrecht.

### Plane incursion

OSLO, May 31, (UPI): The Soviet Union protested to Norway today, saying a West German sports plane deliberately strayed twice into Soviet airspace last weekend, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"There has been a protest, chief Foreign Ministry spokesman Lasse Seim told UPI. "We don't know exactly why this happened but it is reasonable to assume that it was done in order to mark the first anniversary of Mathias Rust's flight which took place exactly a year ago," he said.

### Earrings

HAMMERFEST, Norway, May 31, (Reuter): A Norwegian soldier has won the right to wear earrings on parade.

Court officials said today that two women judges in this northern Norwegian town had ruled that it was sexual discrimination to order him take them off.

The third judge — a man — disagreed.

### Shoe-shine boys

ISTANBUL, May 31, (Reuter): Shoe-shine boys, whose colourful brass boxes and cheeky boasts of a "five-year guarantee" to clean Turkey's pavements, have now won official recognition.

Seventy boys gained diplomas from Turkey's first shoe-shine school founded by Sivas province governor Lutfi Tunç, Güneydin newspaper reported today.

### Bomb explosion

BANGKOK, May 31, (Reuter): A bomb exploded in the southern Thai town Yala, badly injuring a street trader, police today.

Police investigating yesterday's explosion said they were studying possible criminal and political motives involving radical Muslims.

### Earthquake

DARWIN, Australia, May 31, (AP): A strong earthquake, centred south of the Indonesian island of Timor, jolted this northern Australian city and blacked out most of its suburbs for over an hour today.

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## Beauty pageant ends with a whimper

HONG KONG, May 31, (AP): Beijing's first beauty pageant ended with a whimper when organisers named 12 "girls of elegance" at a quiet evening tea party, according to news reports today.

The Sunday tea party ended the strange on-again, off-again saga of the Chinese capital's first beauty contest since the communists came to power 39 years ago.

More than 800 women had signed up to participate after an April announcement that Beijing would host a contest to select 10 "girls of youth and elegance."

Preliminary rounds narrowed the field to 50 contestants.

The Beijing contest ignited beauty pageant fever throughout the country, setting off a debate about whether it was appropriate in a country with a low standard of living.

Under increasing pressure, some cities quickly dropped plans to name local beauty queens.

Shanghai called off its contest

earlier this month, claiming

"conditions were not ripe."

## Arms bound for Fiji seized

SYDNEY, May 31, (Reuter): Australian customs said today they seized a large cache of arms bound for Fiji including machine-guns, grenades, anti-tank mines, mortar shells and rocket launchers.

"It's enough to start a small war," spokesman Alastair Wilson told a news conference.

The container in which the arms were concealed arrived here aboard the vessel Anro Australia from the North Yemen port of Hodeidah, he said. It was seized as it was about to be loaded aboard the French-registered Capitaine Cook II bound for the Fijian port of Lautoka.

A spokesman for the Capitaine Cook II's owners, Sofrano-Unilines, said: "We are obviously totally innocent. We take cargo at face value."

Fiji has had two military coups in the past year and is now ruled by a military-appointed civilian government.

couraging conscientious legislators from running.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 1,204 adults in the national poll said the current system is adequate — but only 31 per cent said the convention system was the best possible — while 52 per cent said it is not. Ten per cent had no opinion.

The dissatisfaction evenly spanned ideologies and political affiliations. The most striking split was in age: the youngest adults, ages 18-29, thought by a narrow margin that the system works well enough, while the oldest, those older than 64, broadly favoured major changes, by 56-28 per cent.

The age split was mirrored in levels of attentiveness to the races. Just 27 per cent of the youngest group said they had been following the primary campaigns regularly, compared with 54 per cent of the oldest group.

Fifty-nine per cent they would prefer to have voters select the nominees without any delegates to party conventions.

In another measure of unpopularity with the presidential nomination process, sizable minorities of Americans said the parties generally do not nominate their best candidate from among those running.

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Director from India visiting Kuwait from 1st June.

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Mr. Gopalakrishnan

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## Attempt to bomb Tehran foiled

NICOSIA, May 31, (Reuter): Iranian forces have seized explosives hidden in a truck intended for a bombing attack on the capital, Tehran, the national news agency IRNA said today.

IRNA, in a report received in Cyprus, said "foreign inspired elements" intended to plant the 30 kgs of explosives in a business area in Tehran and explode it.

The agency said in a dispatch from Sanadaj, 60 km from the Iraqi border in north Iran, the explosives were intercepted by revolutionary guards last week but did not say if there were any arrests.

Two men were killed and one escaped on May 10 when a bomb they tried to plant on a railway connecting Tehran to the Gulf war fronts exploded.



## KUWAIT ... GULF

Quality of goods at popular markets bad

### Customers feel cheated

A NUMBER of interviews was held with consumers to obtain their views on services provided by popular markets.

One of the customers said some popular market owners not only cheated on quality of goods, but, also charged higher prices for commodities. He called on officials to pay a single visit to these establishments where they would have evidence of old stocks, defective products and high prices. Another customer, concurring with him, added that especially where foodstuffs and other consumer goods are concerned, authorities should impose severe penalties, including closing down the offending markets. She added that prices in some popular markets were even higher than supermarkets in Kuwait.

A customer, Mohamad Faleh, stated that due to strong competition among popular markets, most display more goods with a wide range of prices which

cause confusion among consumers.

Salim Abu Saif urged owners of popular markets to organise their markets to make it easier for customers to shop. He believed a market guide for customers would be appreciated.

Riyad Mahmud, an owner of a popular market, said the spread of popular markets played a vital role in resolving the economic crisis in the country. He added that to say all markets cheated was generalising, though he did not deny that some instances of cheating do exist. His profits, he said ranged between 5 to 10 per cent, depending on whether his products were obtained from the local market or abroad.

#### Defective

Another popular market owner, said that most customers look for the cheapest goods, forcing owners to sell defective goods as all items were available under one roof and most of these markets were ideally located in populated areas.

especially old stocks which are repacked and sold. He urged the Ministry of Commerce to prevent the widespread of markets as, having too many markets, caused low or no profits and contributed to the complaints of cheating, damaged, old stock or spurious goods.

Ali Mohamad Al Sarawi, a representative of one of the trading companies, said that popular markets do thriving business and this is attributed to the increase in their number. As customers are keen in choosing their requirements—especially in the tight existing economic conditions, he called upon officials to conduct vigilante inspection measures.

Fayez Mohamad Ibrahim stated that popular markets played a vital role in making shopping easier for consumers as all items were available under one roof and most of these markets were ideally located in populated areas.

### Kuwait-Bahrain ties strong: Muayyid



HH the Amir yesterday received the Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid (centre). The meeting was attended by Kuwait's Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah.

VISITING Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid yesterday praised the strong ties between Kuwait and Bahrain and described the two Arab Gulf states as constituting "one solid family".

Al Muayyid in a statement to Kuna following his meeting with HH the Amir of Kuwait and HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, said that he conveyed regards of the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and those of the Crown

Prince and the Prime Minister. The Bahraini official praised the pioneer role of the Kuwaiti media which he said gained world respect, despite the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the media movement in Kuwait.

Bahrain and Kuwait are looking for more cooperation in all information fields, Al Muayyid added.

The Bahraini official who is accompanied by a senior delegation from the Ministry of

Information, is on a two-day official visit to Kuwait in response to an invitation by Kuwaiti Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah.

On the other hand, Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak last evening hosted a dinner banquet at Kuwait SAS Hotel in honour of the Bahraini minister and the accompanying delegation.

The Kuwaiti-Bahraini official talks are scheduled for today.

### Egyptian official discusses Arab issues with Sheikh Sabah



Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received yesterday the Foreign Relations Committee of the Egyptian Assembly Mohammed Abdulla.

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed met yesterday with chairman of the Egyptian parliamentary affairs committee and secretary general of the ruling National Party Dr Mohammad Abdulla who is currently visiting Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by Egyptian Ambassador to Kuwait Saeed Rifat.

Sheikh Sabah told Kuna that the discussions tackled bilateral relations as well as a number of current Arab issues.

Dr Abdullah renewed an invitation from Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Estmat Abdel Meguid to Sheikh Sabah to visit Cairo.

**Cooperation**  
Sheikh Sabah later received Bahraini Information Minister Tareq Al Muayyid on the occasion of his visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Khalifa and EEC ambassadors to Kuwait.

### Prince Sultan to be treated for orthopaedic problem

BIRMINGHAM, May 31, (AP): The Defence Minister for Saudi Arabia has arrived to be treated for an orthopaedic problem by a Birmingham doctor, officials said.

Mike Immel, executive director of the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center, said Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz would be examined today by Dr James R. Andrews, who is one of six orthopaedic surgeons with the medical group.

Immel said yesterday he did not know yet if surgery will be performed on Aziz, a member of the Saudi Royal Family who serves as Saudi Arabia's Second Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Aviation, and Inspector General.

Andrews has treated members of the Saudi royal family for at least 10 years. The doctor used to have a medical practice in Columbus, Georgia, where he met members of the royal family at the Fort Benning Army Post, Immel said.

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### Large number of residents making changes to NHA houses

A FIELD research conducted by a local news agency on government houses west of Fintas distributed recently to citizens indicated that a large number of these citizens had made several changes to their new homes. The daily reported that most changes involved breaking of fronts, main concrete pillars and bridges of the houses—all considered dangerous. Additionally, the daily reported that the majority of these alterations were done without obtaining prior permission from the relevant authorities.

It also added that citizens spent huge amounts to achieve these changes which had originally cost the state large amounts when built by the National Housing Authority (NHA).

Additionally, these changes damaged the original installations and buildings.

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### Work team to produce joint Gulf programmes

MEETINGS of the programme committee of the Gulf Television Authority came to a close yesterday by endorsing a number of resolutions, topped by entrusting a specialised work team with producing joint Gulf programmes.

The committee also recommended that it meets twice a year, according to the alphabetical order of the names of the seven member states Kuwait, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar and Oman.

The conferees also agreed upon entrusting the authority with setting up an annual timetable which includes the type of programming required from each Gulf television, in order to produce the Gulf television variety magazine.

Regarding the joint programming production, the committee

got acquainted with the authority's efforts on encouraging and upgrading this kind of programming.

The committee also discussed the matter of collective purchasing of Arabic and foreign serials and reached the conclusion that this procedure will reduce the cost of these programmes.

As for the memo referred by Kuwait Television and the Gulf Television Authority on implementing the special study of upgrading the exchange of news and programmes, the committee decided to make a good use of the weekly news casts which are exchanged between Gulf and other Arab states.

Finally, the participants decided that the next meeting be held in January of 1989 in the United Arab Emirates.

#### S. Arabia to host medical conference

RIYADH, May 31, (Kuna): King Faisal Specialized Hospital will organise an international medical conference here on June 5 on the impact of viruses on medical care and services in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The five-day gathering will review research and a number of papers, including 28 from Saudi Arabia.

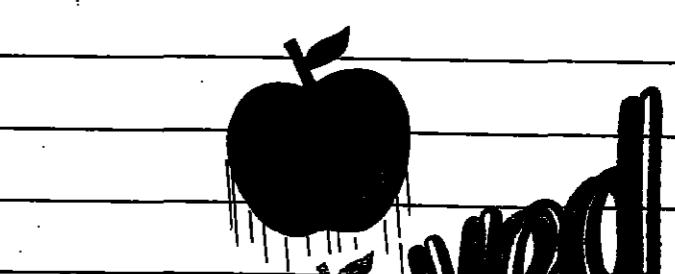
Other participants will come from France, the U.S.A., Canada, Britain, Sudan, Australia, Kuwait, Egypt, Jordan, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Botswana, Syria and Iraq.



Picture shows changes to building west of Fintas.

citizens granted government designs instead of opting for government houses. He confirmed that the NHA's regulations and the decisions of the Council of Ministers and the Higher Housing Council prohibit undertaking changes and made owners involved in such changes liable to legal action.

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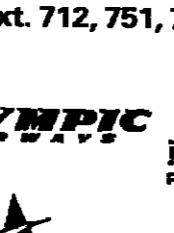
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## VIDEO CORNER

## Rediscovering Finney

By Brian Hollis

ALBERT Finney was one of the great British film stars of the neo-realistic school of the early sixties. Films like *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* and *The Entertainer* were guidelines for behaviour to many. But whatever happened to Finney? Over the past five years he has appeared in roughly one film per year, invariably playing the drunk or down-and-out muddle-headed bum. And he plays the part too well for an amateur!

In *Orphans*, Finney staggers onto the scene as a benign Chicago businessman, on a drunken spree in New York. A minor hoodlum called Treat takes him home to sleep it off in the hope of conning him of some money. Finding stocks and shares in Finney's briefcase, Treat and his brother tie him up, expecting to extract a large kidnap ransom. However, Finney is in reality a benign Chicago gangster who has no difficulty in extricating himself from the clutches of the two brothers. He realises that Treat has isolated and dominated his brother Philip, not allowing him to leave the house and treating him generally as a retard. Harold blows Philip's enclosed world wide open and teaches him to gain a measure of self-confidence. At the same time he subtly undermines Treat's position by offering him money and the lure of power. In reality he has stripped Treat of his position as head of household and breadwinner, and turned him into a slave to his every wish and whim.

Matthew Modine (star of *Birdy*) which is banned in

Albert Finney, Matthew Modine and Kevin Anderson in *Orphans*

Kuwait plays a very believable psychotic Treat, and Kevin Anderson is the open-eyed younger brother. But although the film contains some powerful and sometimes very funny scenes, it does not quite hang together. A slow start builds up to an excellent middle half of the film, but then fades into an unworthy ending. The film is directed by Alan J. Pakula, better known for such successes as *Kings* and *All The President's Men*.

The US has been meddling in the internal affairs of various Central American countries for quite some years — perhaps, since the Mexican revolution. According to Walker, American intervention goes back to the 1950s when business magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt sent Colonel Walker and his ragtag army to civilise Nicaragua under the flag of democracy and freedom, but with the underlying business motive of controlling the overland route to the Pacific. Walker, an historical figure, is portrayed as a failed fanatic, who following an abortive invasion of Mexico, and the death of his wife, accepts Vanderbilt's offer to set up a 'free', pro-American government in Nicaragua. In spite of unbelievable mishandling of his 'invasion' luck refuses to forsake him, and he ends up as governor. He becomes increasingly despotic and destroys the country.

The interesting thing about this film is the attempt to link the past with the present. Firmly settled in 1855, we suddenly see a 1987 Mercedes hurtling past. Later Walker picks up a copy of 'Time' with his picture on the cover, and we are treated to a flash of the bright

neon lights of Kansas City. To top it all, when Walker's men are about to be annihilated by the irate peasants, the helicopters arrive in a Vietnamese to take all but Walker to safety. So apart from the interest of the film itself, you can simultaneously play the game of 'spot the anachronism'. This film has certainly received some finance somewhere from sympathetic causes, but apart from its propaganda value, it's quite good entertainment.

Several of Robert Ludlum's thrillers such as "The Domino Principle" have already been transferred to the screen. The latest in the line is *The Bourne Identity*, made as a two tape best seller starring Richard Chamberlain and Jaclyn Smith. After a shooting incident aboard a trawler, an almost dead body is washed up

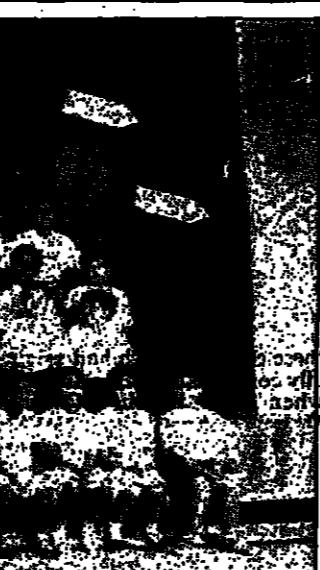
in France and treated by the local doctor. Although the man (Chamberlain) suffers from total amnesia, a microchip buried in his skin mentions a Zurich bank account in the name of Jason Bourne. The search for his real identity uncovers a complex plot, involving international terrorism and the CIA, and on the way he picks up a passing doctor (Jaclyn Smith) who soon becomes hopelessly involved. The movie is fast paced and complex — perfect TV entertainment. But who can believe baby-faced Chamberlain as a highly trained invincible CIA hitman? Hopefully the casting director will in future leave him where he belongs as either priest or lover boy.

If you like the more mainline American bestseller, then *Onassis — The Richest Man in the World* is

exactly the thing. A slick and expensive production starring Raúl Julia as Onassis and Jane Seymour as Jackie, this six hour show unlocks the secrets of the 'marriage that mystified the world', according to the blurb. Did she really love him or was she only after the money? These vital questions and more are now answered for the cost of renting two video tapes.

Viewers wanting an alternative to the regular video films can watch Steve Davis pit his skills against Cliff Jones in the world snooker final, or see rare footage of Buddy Holly in action on a 'super night of rock 'n' roll'.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintas; Video Nauj, Salmiya and Video Club, Salmiya.



The show's compere, Derek Hicks, with the messed ranks of the choir.



US Embassy Counsellor James Hooper on Monday hosted a reception to say goodbye to Lee James Irwin, the embassy's first secretary. Irwin is leaving Kuwait shortly after a three-year term of duty. Above: Hooper (left) with Irwin (centre) and Canadian Ambassador David McCracken.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Boushahri Gallery** Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanovic is open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St, Salmiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm until June 9.

## CINEMA

**Kuwait Cine Club** "Three Classic Evenings" is being held at the Kuwait Cine Club. The remaining programme is as follows:

**WEDNESDAY:** Act Without Words (French, 1958, 10 min); D. Guido Bettoli & Brune); The Stringbean (French, 5 min); D. Edouard Sechan); The Magician (Polish, 12 min); D. Tad. Makarczynski); Labryinth (Polish, 14 min); D. Jan Lejica); Renaissance (French, 1963, 10 min); D. Walerian Borowizuk); La Jetee (French, 1962, 30 mins); D. Chris Marker).

All films will be screened at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Cine Club premises, Bocid Al Qar, 8

Sheriff Al Radhi St, nr. Indian Embassy.

## THEATRE

## Bengali Cultural Society

The Society will present "Bichhan," a Hindi drama based on a story by Bengali novelist Mahasweta Devi, on June 2, 3 and June 9, 10, 7.30 pm, at the Mousetrap Theatre, New English School. The play is part of celebration of the 40th Indian independence anniversary. For reservations contact 3903976; 3901807; 5621379.

## Sounds Great

Sounds Great, a pop-rock musical, will be performed at Salma Cinema on June 10, 5pm and 8 pm. The show will feature Juke Box band with June Stevenson and Top Ranks with Adolf. Farewell appearance of Paul Fraser. Introducing Walid Al Nimer who will dance to Michael Jackson's top hit "Bad". Produced and directed by Ken Winston. Tickets — KD.3. Children — KD.2. For reservations call 3983724.

**Hotel**, on June 2, Thursday. Tickets — KD.10 including dinner. Produced and directed by Gneus Mukle and Kerrin Langley. All proceeds will be donated to the British charity Medical Aid for Palestinians to help Dr Pauline Cutting, OBE, and her team, to provide medical care for refugees. For reservations call 5718143; 5387755; 2627003; 5330934.

**KLT** KLT's musical Brigadoon opens with a gala performance on June 1, 7.30 pm. Further performances are at 5.30 pm on June 2, 3 and at 8.15 pm on June 7, 8 and 9. Tickets — KD.3. Children — KD.2. For reservations call 3983724.

## SOCIAL

**German-speaking Cultural Association** The regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will be held on June 5, Sunday, from 10 am at the Kuwait Hilton's Old Falajka Room. All German speakers are welcome.

## Players Ball

Kuwait Players "end of season ball" on Thursday, June 9, KD.7 per person. For details phone 5330934; 5613465; 5611546.

A musical show featuring Reem Yousef Kelani will be presented in the Grand Ballroom, Regency Palace

## Seazur Awaz

An Indian music group presents "Geetion Bbari Sham," their second concert at the IAC, Funaites, on Thursday, June 16, 8 pm. For reservations phone 3985456 or 5638026 after 5 pm.

**Contact** The next meeting of the ladies information group, Contact, will be held on June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD.2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384573; 5740627 (answering service).

## NRI Meeting

The Non-Resident Indians (NRI) Annual General Meeting will be held at IAC, Funaites, on June 7, 7.45 pm. All NRI members and their wives are welcome. State Bank of India officials will give a talk on capital markets. A contributory dinner will follow.

## Badesik Re-union

The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society in Kuwait, Badesik, will hold an Eid re-union and a cultural programme, with dinner, on Friday, June 10, at the Meridian's Banquet Hall, 6 pm.

All Bangladeshi diploma engineers can take part. For details phone 9015166; Anas Ali — 4571603.

## Kuwait Players

The Players will hold their social get-together on Wednesday, June 1. Tel: 5330934; 5613465.

## Kuwait Singers

"Songs for a Summer Evening" is the title of a concert by the Singers. It will be held on June 1 at the UAS, Salwa. Tickets — KD.2. For reservations ring 3940770 ext. 57; 5384573; 5740627 (answering service).

## SPORTS

## PBAK General Meeting

The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait, PBAK, will hold their second general meeting on Friday, June 3, at Mabuhay Restaurant at 5.30 pm. They will discuss the forthcoming men's and women's doubles, membership drive, bowling clinics and other activities. For details contact Sarah Macarimbang on 484-3447.

## KIFFAGM

All members of the Kuwait India Football Federation (KIFF) are requested to attend the 1987/88 annual general meeting on June 3, 10 am, at the Indian embassy premises.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.25 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News via Satellite  
3.30 Cartoons  
4.00 News Summary  
4.05 Magazine D'Actualite  
4.25 Beer Al Tayi: Arabic serial, starring Hussein Abu Sharah, Lina Al Tall, Rabee Shihab. Last episode.  
5.30 Variety Show  
6.00 Cultural Film  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 With Students  
7.45 Folklore  
8.15 Soul Al Ghaz: "Al Dooda". Featuring Mohammad Saeed, Shirin, Zubair Numani.  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Hada Al Rajul: Arabic serial, starring Noora, Salah Saadani, Khalid Zaki. Last episode.  
10.00 Music Studio: variety show  
12.00 News Summary / Magazine D'Actualite



Dale Robertson plays J.J. Starbuck, 8.40 pm on KTV 2.

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Adventures of Gummibear: Cartoons  
6.30 Tunes of the World: "Black Sounds

Beautiful." African folk music.  
7.30 Growing Pains: "Thank You, Willie Nelson". Jason faces family opposition when he decides to sell his house.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 J.J. Starbuck: "Incident ...". A hostage drama unfolds when a man threatens to kill all hostages.

9.30 Wildlife on One: a look at ants  
10.00 Sledge Hammer: Trigger happy Hammer is out on a new adventure with partner Drew

10.30 Private Eye: in tonight's episode, the detective helps police to bust a gang  
11.30 News Summary  
11.35 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0803 Writers and Poets in Arabic Literature  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Comedy Programme  
0850 Golden Collections  
0930 Album Tracks  
1000 Our Press Today  
1002 Songs and Music  
1030 Music With a Theme  
1100 Closedown  
1130 News on FM Service

Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 Pop Scene  
2130 News  
2135 Point of View  
2145 Sports News  
2155 Musical Celebrities  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Soul with a Beat  
2330 Choice of the Week  
2340 Closedown

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Development '88

30 World in Edgeways

30 News about Britain

30 British Press Review

30 The World Today

09 Financial News

09 Reflections

15 Classical Record Review (ex 1st Derby Preview)

20 Report of Britain 1988

09 World News

15 Counterpoint (ex 22nd and 29th Sportsworld)

45 The World Today

1700 World News

09 Commentary (ex 1st Letter from Wales)

15 Society Today (ex 15th Sportsworld)

30 New Ideas (ex 15th Sportsworld)

45 Bond Choice (ex 15th Sportsworld)

45 Sports Roundup

1800 Newsdesk

30 Multitrack 2

## FM Services

0800 Easy Listening  
0840 News  
1000 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 French Hour  
1800 Pop  
1900 Our Guest  
2130 News  
2145 Pop  
2200 Famous Classical Works  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Bazaar Qasid  
1915 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Subha-e-Nau  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Hidayat Rabbani  
2100 Closedown

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Drive-In

Al Jad'au Talatha (Arabic)

Starring: Samir Ghanem,

Roya Al Katib

Farwaniya

Kasam (Hindi)

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

THE time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end — Adlai Stevenson, US statesman-politician (1900-1965).

## OAU still uncertain over its mission

By Jonathan Wright

ADDIS ABABA, (Reuter): A quarter century after its birth, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) is still uncertain over its mission: Is it a club for African leaders or should it pursue the original ideal of a United States of Africa?

At a silver jubilee celebrations in Addis Ababa last week, heads of state and OAU officials harked back to the heady days of 1963, when independent Africa's founding fathers portrayed the OAU as the vehicle for the political integration of the continent.

But by their actions they reinforced the view that it should pursue the more modest aim of helping to draft common African positions on specific problems in the continent's dealings with the outside world.

With 50 member states, ranging from Marxist single-party states to Western-style pluralist societies, from impoverished desert states like Chad to rapidly industrialising economies like Mauritius, the OAU has had trouble finding anything in common except opposition to apartheid and a desire for more development assistance.

## Deplored

At the Addis Ababa celebrations, president after president deplored a lack of commitment by member states even to the struggle against South Africa's apartheid system of race discrimination.

"It is embarrassing as well as disheartening that... some fellow African states are being lured into contrived friendship or subtle collaboration with the Pretoria regime," said Ibrahim Babangida of Nigeria.

"So many times we have taken decision here, only to be divided in other gatherings," added Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, the outgoing chairman of the organisation.

Former President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, who signed the OAU charter in 1963 but missed the 25th anniversary celebrations, said in an interview that over the years he had noticed a gradual erosion of the pan-African ideal as new African states concentrated on moulding their countries into nations.

"What we see now is the strengthening of nationalism. We are engrossed in building nation states... I don't know whether the new generation of African leaders now have Africa very much in mind," he said.

Despite the expressions of good intentions by member states, the OAU itself has been largely powerless to move the organisation in any direction.

## Law comes under pressure in Kenya

By Philip Williams

NAIROBI, (UPI): A man who gouged out his wife's eyes because she presented him with five girls and no boys got five years' jail. So did a man found with a leaflet denouncing President Daniel Arap Moi.

Two men convicted of smuggling heroin into Kenya got 12 months each. So did a man who stole a mango.

Such is the confusion, chaos, political interference, thuggery and corruption of Kenya's legal system that lawyers in the East African country fear the rule of law itself is in danger of collapse.

"That is what has marked out this country as a place where it is bearable to live. Without respect for the rule of law, there is no liberty," said one senior lawyer in Nairobi.

"It is my belief, and that of many of my colleagues both black and white, that the government is undermining the very basis on which Kenya has flourished and distinguished it from its less fortunate neighbours."

Legal sources in the Kenyan capital — who declined to be named for fear of reprisals — trace the current crisis to the beginning of Moi's presidency.

## Supreme

Moi put into words last year what every Kenyan already knew in practice — despite the West-minister-style constitution and Kenya's links to the West — that his Kenya African National Union, Kenya's sole political grouping, was "supreme" even over the high court and parliament.

A year earlier, he ordered a

short of cash, unable to enforce its own resolutions and limited by a statutory exclusion of interference in the internal affairs of member states, it has had to settle for the lowest common denominator of agreement, diplomats say.

Arrears to the organisation's budget amount to millions of dollars, some dating back more than a decade, but OAU officials dare not name names and the members have never reached a consensus on applying an article which would strip defaulters of their voting rights.

The fear of naming names is so pervasive that at a news conference on Friday OAU officials tried to dissuade a lawyer from saying which countries had failed to ratify an OAU charter on human rights. The names of the countries are freely available.

## Protesting

A Mauritian walkout at the closing session of the OAU summit on Saturday underlined the same problem. The Indian Ocean island was protesting at a report which accused it and two other states of collaborating with South Africa.

Internal conflicts, by far the most prevalent on the continent, are out of bounds for OAU debate, so the organisation has looked on helpless as guerrilla wars rage in Uganda, northern Ethiopia or southern Sudan or as one tribe massacres another in the Central African state of Burundi.

On the dispute between Chad and Libya, an OAU Committee has spent more than 10 years trying to reconcile the rival claims to the Aouzou Strip. The chairman, Omar Bongo of Gabon, said that even if he presented one of his secret solutions, there was no guarantee they would be accepted.

Year after year proposals for a joint African defence force come up at OAU meetings, only to disappear when African foreign ministers examine them in detail.

OAU Secretary-General Ide Oumarou has recommended an early meeting of the organisation's Defence Commission to speed up its preparations for setting up the force but no mention of the force appeared in the final resolutions.

"I don't think it's friendship, maybe it's more mutual understanding," Soviet government spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said of what Westerners call the "chemistry" between the world's two most powerful leaders.

Reagan and Gorbachev share some personal traits, including an easy, informal style that clearly acts as a quick ice-breaker in their meetings.

"There is a kind of personal trust developed between the two leaders which is good for the negotiations," Gerasimov said in a television interview.

By Charlotte Saikowski

WASHINGTON: The Soviets may be pulling their troops out of Afghanistan — but they are not retrenching from long-term efforts to be a weighty player on the world stage.

Their style is changing, however.

The signing in Geneva of the United Nations-sponsored accords on the evacuation of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, including an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union guaranteeing the Afghan peace settlement, is symbolic of significant changes taking place in diplomatic strategy under Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Every place they are activated they may be shifting away from arms supply to a razzle-dazzle political approach," a senior US administration official says. "They see themselves as a world power with the right to be involved, and they see their interests in not wanting us to be

the sole player."

Diplomatic observers point to the more nimble, flexible, and innovative approach adopted by General-Secretary Gorbachev. Even on the eve of the signing of the Afghan accords, which represent a strategic defeat for Moscow, the Soviets have covered their embarrassing retreat by focusing on another issue: Gorbachev has called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to recognise Israel's right to exist in a move to spur peace in the Middle East.

This has echoes of President Nixon trying to disengage from Vietnam and using his opening to China to eclipse the US withdrawal from an unpopular war.

## Diplomacy

The new realism in Soviet diplomacy can be seen in many parts of the world:

• First and foremost, the Soviets are moderating their competition with the US and putting relations on a less confrontational footing. The Afghan

## Despite pullout from Afghanistan

## Moscow remains weighty player on world stage

By Charlotte Saikowski

element serves this purpose.

• In the Middle East, the Soviets have adopted a more moderate posture, withholding their fire on American efforts to rekindle a peace process on negotiations over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. They are also participating in UN efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war, although they are ambivalent on the issue of an international arms embargo.

• In Angola, Moscow appears to have urged Cuba to be more flexible in negotiations concerning a time frame for withdrawing some 20,000 Cuban troops. Cuba has agreed in principle to a total pullout.

• In Central America, US officials believe the Soviets had a hand in pressuring Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega to talk directly with the Contras.

• In Cambodia, Moscow is encouraging a resolution of the war and a withdrawal of Vietnamese forces.

• The Soviets have adopted a more responsible attitude toward world organisations:

They are paying their UN dues and expressing an interest in such bodies as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Diplomatic analysts see Moscow now playing to the more moderate powers — courting Israel and Nigeria, for instance, instead of countries like Ethiopia and Angola. The Soviets are also improving ties with Mexico and Argentina rather than committing to just sit on their hands.

What does all this mean for the West?

## Domination

Amid the new flourishes in Soviet diplomatic activity, conservatives are seen to be motivated by a desire to stabilise the international scene as the Soviet Union grapples with its immense economic problems.

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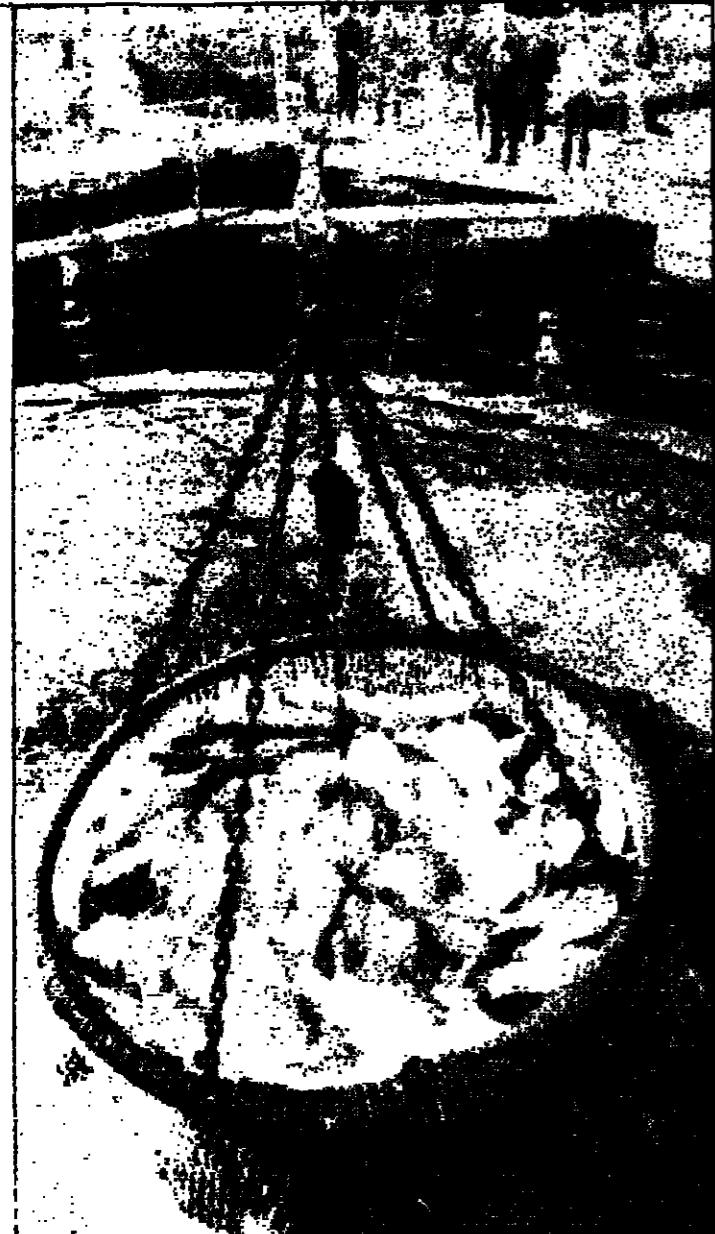
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JEWISH demonstrators, refused permission to leave the Soviet Union, chant at the Lenin library. The demonstration ended peacefully after requests from police to break it up. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEAD fish were hauled up at a fish farm near Hidra, Norway, yesterday. A belt of killer algae has choked to death rich marine life off southern Scandinavia and has moved further north, threatening more fish farms. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE SUMMIT: (Clockwise from left) NANCY REAGAN enjoys herself in front of the 'Samson and the Lion' fountain after throwing Soviet coins into the fountain and making a wish during her day-long visit here yesterday. President Reagan wipes his chin at a luncheon for Soviet writers at the Alexander Faddeyev Central House of Writers. During a walk in Cathedral Square in the Kremlin, President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev were surrounded by a huge entourage of security, aides and press after talks yesterday. Reagan has between 800 and 900 people in his delegation alone, including nearly 300 journalists. Gorbachev's private Kremlin office was the venue yesterday for the third meeting of their Moscow summit. (Reuter wirephotos)



SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, 47, party leader of Yugoslavia's republic of Serbia, at the crisis conference of the Yugoslav Communist Party. (Reuter wirephoto)



VIETNAM Marine Corps veteran, Berni Kean, 40, sheds tears for his friends who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, during a Memorial Day Service at the Marietta National Military Cemetery in Georgia on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FORMER Prime Minister and leader of the Gaullist party, Jacques Chirac, campaigning yesterday morning in Paris streets for next month's general election. (Reuter wirephoto)

By Kathy Cuddihy

HUSBANDS sometimes do the strangest things under the guise of love and consideration. In my spouse's most recent display of devotion, he signed me up for a tennis tournament without consulting me first. Not just a friendly game, but a full-fledged tournament, for goodness' sake.

"Only masochists play tennis in this heat," I argued.

"Tennis players play tennis in this heat, Kathy. You've got to get away from your desk sometimes. Get out and have fun."

"I'm all for getting away from my desk and I'm all for having fun. It's dying of heat exhaustion on the tennis court that just doesn't have a strong appeal."

"Get involved, Kathy. You'll love it."

The maddening thing was, I think he really believed himself. What's more, he volunteered to be my partner in the mixed doubles match.

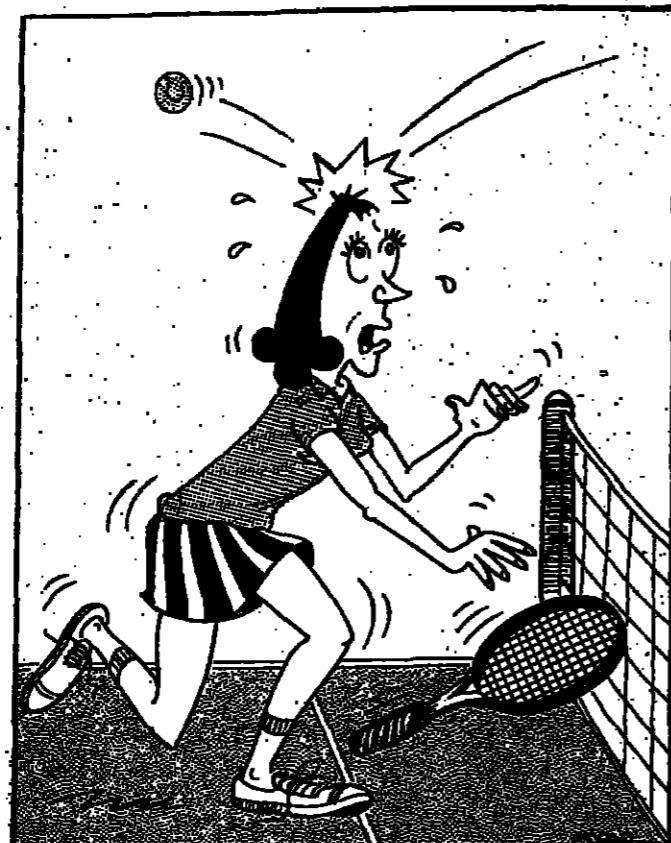
"That's actually very generous of you," I admitted with no small amount of awe. "Not only are you a better player than I am, but husbands don't usually get on well with wives when they play on the same team. What can I say? Of course I'll play with you, darling."

Those were the last kind words I spoke to my husband until after the tournament. What is it about competition that turns perfectly nice men into spiteful soreheads?

Our team spirit showed visible signs of disintegration when I lost my serve.

"Tsk, tsk. Kathy. No tennis player worth his salt double faults. Don't try to be fancy. Just get the ball over the net and into the little box." He smiled when he said it but the words hung in the air like a pregnant hippo.

## Game, set ... mismatch



Now that good sportsmanship was out of the way, he felt free to ram a few tennis tips down my throat. "Try to keep your eye on the ball, dear" soon deteriorated to "For heaven's sake, Kathy, are you looking through those glasses of yours, or not?"

When he told me to get a racket without holes in it next time, I'd had enough. You want to see me play, I thought? OK, buster, I'll play. I got ready to serve the serve of all serves.

Bingo! A perfect shot.

"Geez, Kathy, watch what you're doing. That hit me right in the ear!"

"Oh, I'm so sorry, darling. I'll try to do better the next time." I'll hit you in the other ear, you creep, just to show you I'm ambidextrous.

Even when I played well

I played "incorrectly" since my partner would accuse me of "poaching" ... despite the fact that my efforts won us valuable points. As a matter of fact, we might never speak to each other after this.

Much as my husband hated to admit it, my serve won us the game. We won the next game, too, because I had some terrific net shots. I just let pass my husband's remark that his tennis had suddenly gone "off." Funny how his faults are momentary lapses and mine are permanent disabilities.

We lost the match but fortunately that was all we lost. Afterwards my husband came up to me and apologized for his bad attitude on the court. "You played some fantastic tennis, Kathy. I'm proud to have you for my partner." My husband really is a nice guy. Maybe next time I'll just clip him in the kidney instead of aiming for his ear.

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"Run, Kathy" was a command obviously reserved for my husband's partner and not applicable to himself.

"Good grief, dear, how could you possibly miss a shot like that? The ball came right to you!" I decided to lower myself and

make a few astute remarks. "That was a very tricky shot. I honestly don't think anyone could have got it," came his hot reply.

"Most players worth their salt would have raised their rackets in a brave attempt, though." I certainly hope I made my point with my partner because we sure weren't doing too well on game points.

It was my turn to serve again and by now I was angry enough to give the opposition a few vicious shots. Whshh! Somehow I managed a classic bullet serve that nearly skimmed the top of the net. We won the point. I wasn't the only surprised person. Before my husband could control his astonishment, he involuntarily muttered "Fantastic serve."

"PARDON?" Who cares about tennis etiquette? I might never hear a word of praise again from this man. As a matter of fact, we might never speak to each other after this.

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## Mickey Mouse: sixty years on

By Jane Sutton

MIAMI. (UPI) - Mickey Mouse turns 60 this year and his extraordinary popularity still baffles the veteran artist who helped sketch him to life during the golden days of Disney animation.

There's something about Mickey you can't really explain at all," said Frank Thomas, 75, who began drawing Mickey for Walt Disney in 1935. "I think there's something mystic in the design.

There's a completeness to it. Walt used to say you could show Mickey to kids in the crib and they'd respond to him."

Mickey made his debut in the 1928 cartoon "Steamboat Willie," and was an instant success. Six decades later, technology has changed the way artists draw him, but his popularity has never waned.

Everywhere we go, people are wearing Mickey shirts, Mickey watches, even people who don't know who Mickey is, said Ollie Johnston, 75, who sketched Mickey occasionally and later drew the star rodent in "The Brave Little Tailor" in 1933.

Thomas and Johnston met art students at Stanford University, went to work for Disney shortly afterward and stayed there until they retired 10 years ago.

They drew Mickey, Pinocchio, Bambi and Cinderella's stepmothers during the studio's heyday.

Thomas and Johnston consider animators "actors with



Sixty-year-old Mickey Mouse with friends Goofy and Donald Duck: an ink and gouache drawing from the Disney studios.

pencils." They have published two books on animation techniques and still work as consultants for Disney.

"We've always had the same approach to our work. We were more interested in the acting, the emotion of the character," Thomas said.

"When you make the audience laugh or cry it's really a wonderful feeling," Johnston said.

"We think animation was the one art form of this century. You could make a drawing move and breathe. A lot of people didn't realize it really is fine drawing, but for a special purpose. There was some marvellous draftsmanship and marvellous animation, but they don't stand alone," said Johnston.

The early brand of Disney animation, born in the Great Depression, featured intricately drawn characters and background scenes. "Pinocchio," made in 1940, was the last full-length feature with that kind of rich detail, the artists said.

"You could never make Pinocchio" that way today. It would cost you \$100 million now. It would be difficult to find the people today. We haven't used that type of animation for 30 years. There's no one to train them," Johnston said.

Computer-generated images have helped put back some of the background details and has taken some of the drudgery out of drawing each individual frame by hand, at the rate of 24 frames per second of film.

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Other technological advances such as television and slow-motion replay have also helped animators pursue their craft by helping them observe movement. Before the video age, they drew entirely from experience and memory.

The dinosaurs in the "Rite of Spring" segment of the landmark cartoon "Fantasia" posed a special problem, since none of the artists had ever seen one.

Thomas and Johnston cited the chase scene through the clock in the recent Disney movie "The Great Mouse Detective" as an example of what computers do well.

As the animated characters chased each other around and around inside the clock, the computer-aided background scenes showed the intricate gears meshing together and clicking forward step by step. At the same time, the characters turned and the perspective changed, showing the background from several different angles.

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It's something you'd never draw. It's too involved," said Thomas.

But the computer was used only for the background, not for Mickey or the other characters, they said.

## Film on Christ stirs Christian controversy

By Judy Farah

UNIVERSAL CITY, California (AP) - Christian fundamentalists warn they will put up a fight if Jesus is depicted as an insipid man who lusts after Mary Magdalene as "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Universal Pictures, already fearing a religious backlash when it releases Martin Scorsese's movie, has hired a Christian marketing consultant, Tim Penland, to help ward off controversy. Penland advised on the film "Chariots of Fire" and "The Mission."

"I think there's an awful lot

of interest in this movie in the Christian community, and there's paranoia about what it contains," Penland said.

The film, billed as a look at the human side of Christ, was shot in Morocco last fall. It stars Willem Dafoe as Jesus, Barbara Hershey as Mary Magdalene and Harvey Keitel as Judas Iscariot.

The movie, due for release in September, is based on Greek author Nikos Kazantzakis' 1955 book, which was condemned as heresy by the Greek orthodox church.

"We're trying to head the movie off ... so it's not blasphemous," said Ted Bahr, editor of "Movie Guide," an Atlanta-based Christian new-

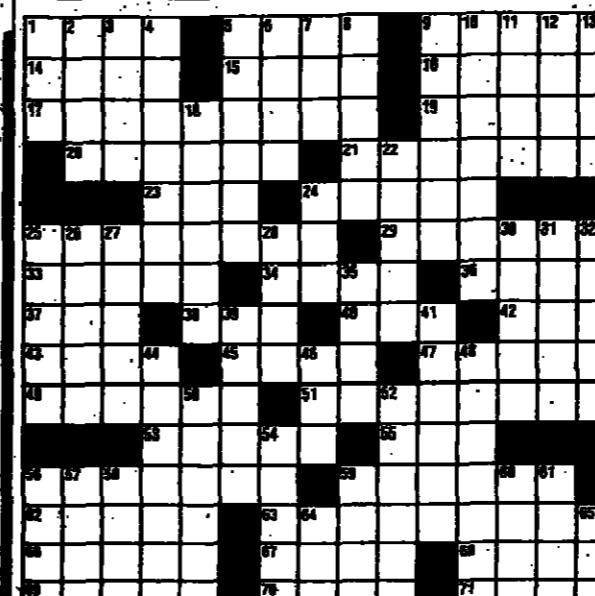
spaper that monitors all theatrical releases.

Only Scorsese, who is editing the film in New York, knows what is going to be in the final version, and, "He doesn't talk to any press at all when he's editing, on any movie," said spokeswoman Marion Billings.

Scorsese, who directed "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull," studied for the priesthood before becoming a filmmaker.

"This is a film that I've wanted to make for 15 years, both as a filmmaker and Christian," he said in a statement. "I'm making a deeply religious film which is an affirmation of faith and I ask everyone not to judge my film until they see it."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Hair treatment, for short
- 5 Arm bone
- 9 Yet
- 14 Veritable
- 15 Drug kick
- 16 Discourse: Comb. form
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- 18 Presses
- 20 Scarlet's true love
- 21 Ushers
- 23 Pinder opus
- 24 Quaking tree
- 25 Its airport code is DEL
- 29 Bans legally
- 33 Collect
- 34 Major or Minor
- 36 City on the Oks
- 37 2001
- 38 Antiknock agent: Abbr.
- 40 Grampus
- 42 Indonesian Islands
- 43 Ago
- 45 River between China and Korea
- 47 Scandinavian sea god
- 49 Afr.
- 51 Its airport code is BRU
- 53 Is in the vanguard
- 55 Jack Frost's
- 56 Flair
- 59 Birchbark vessels
- 62 Century plant
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- 68 Cruise
- 69 Desire strongly
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- 71 Notice
- 72 Place for a belt
- 28 Island dance
- 30 Storm, to Simone
- 31 Danger
- 32 Insults
- 35 Sullen
- 39 Talking bird
- 41 Gaming establishment
- 44 Its airport code is TLV
- 46 Pounds, for short
- 48 Take up and support
- 50 Ebb
- 52 Not qualified
- 54 Devil
- 56 Park green spot
- 57 Chinese gelatin
- 58 Wine valley in California
- 59 MacMillan, for one
- 60 Notable times
- 61 Use shears
- 64 Upon: Prefix
- 65 English cathedral city
- 66 Present
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- 70 Carves
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- 75 Firstborn
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- 77 Tune
- 78 Boies' neighbor
- 79 Poet Lazarus and namesakes

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- 4 Modes
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

NINE 'ALMOST' NEVER

East-West vulnerable. South his decision in the auction. West led the top of his broken diamond sequence. Declarer won the ace and, in keeping with the odds, cashed the ace-king of trumps. Unfortunately, the queen did not drop. Declarer tried to recover by running clubs, but East ruffed the second club and shifted to a spade, and the defenders took three tricks in that suit to administer a one-trick set.

More important than just drawing trumps was to do so safely. Since declarer could afford to lose two spade tricks and a trump, he could have protected against the possibility of a 3-1 trump split.

At trick two, declarer should have led trump from dummy and finessed the ten. At worst, that would have lost to the queen. The most the defenders then can do is to cash two spades. Thereafter, declarer can win any return, draw trumps, and take a discard, if necessary, on dummy's clubs. As the cards lie, the finesse succeeds and West follows suit, so declarer simply draws the last two trumps and claims all the tricks. Sometimes justice is done!

The bidding:

South West North East

4 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

It is all very well to know the basic percentages of the game. However, all of them have to be considered in relation to the play of any hand as a whole, where the main goal is to make or break the contract. For instance, consider that old bromide: "Eight ever, nine never." It's an accurate enough summary of the probability of playing a suit, providing that's your only concern.

In light of the vulnerability, we just give the nod to South's decision to preempt with four hearts. However, since the opponents could make at most eight tricks at a spade contract barring gifts from the defense, declarer had to bring home his contract to show any profit from

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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ERIE	EVITA	OVAL
VANESSA	RED	GRAVIE
ELEPHANT	RISES	
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

**Bid to promote economic ties between Kuwait and Yugoslavia**

## Lucrative proposals for joint venture projects in tourism

By Jadrana Porter

**YUGOSLAVIA** is poised to present to Kuwait 50 lucrative proposals for joint venture projects in tourism as part of a drive to boost the Yugoslav economy by attracting foreign investment for projects with a promise of high returns, according to the Yugoslav Deputy Minister of Tourism, Milivoj Popovich.

Popovich, who was in Kuwait earlier this week, said the proposals would be forwarded after the legislation aimed at modernising the joint venture regulations is passed in four months time.

**Proposals**

The new law will guarantee the foreign investors' equity rights and will lift restrictions on invest-

tors' foreign currency transfers and their management of projects.

Draft proposals for several projects have already been handed to the Kuwaitis for consideration.

The projects include hotels, holiday resorts, sports centres, health resorts and motels. It has also been suggested that the Kuwaitis could invest in holiday resorts with special features for the use of Arab visitors only.

The Yugoslavs count on Kuwait's interest in the projects pointing to the longstanding friendship and trust between the two countries as well as the profit factor.

Popovich views the proposals as a way of promoting the economic cooperation between the two countries which has already chalked up some achievements such as \$500



Milivoj Popovich

million worth of construction work carried out in Kuwait by Yugoslav companies.

Popovich held talks in Kuwait with the officials from the Kuwait Investment Authority, the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Touristic Enterprises Company.

**Profitable**

He pointed out that joint venture projects in tourism, one of the most profitable branches of Yugoslav economy, are among the most sought after by European investors some of whom have already signed contracts with Yugoslav companies.

The proposals are an outcome of a long-term plan for the development of tourism which spans the period between 1977 and the year 2000 and which envisages that 50 per cent of all projects will be supported by foreign capital, said Popovich.

"You can't go wrong with investing in Yugoslav tourism"

said Popovich adding that the annual seven per cent growth rate in tourist arrivals and 10 per cent growth rate in income from tourism have been most encouraging. Tourism is expected to earn Yugoslavia \$2 billion this year and the figure is expected to reach \$7 billion in the year 2000.

**Projects**

Most of the proposed projects are centred on the Adriatic coast which is among the cleanest and least exploited areas in Europe. The Yugoslav part of the Adriatic coast, much of which is still virgin land, is 610 kilometres long as the crow flies but by road it stretches up to 2092 kilometres with numerous bays, coves and islands.

According to the current projections even when all the present plans for coastal

development are effected only 16 per cent of the coastal area will have been exploited by the year 2000. Out of 1,300 islands along the Adriatic coast only 64 are inhabited.

**Steps**

The new proposed joint venture programme is just one of the steps to revive the economy which also include a package of austerity measures expected to affect the Yugoslav standard of living.

The Yugoslav leadership is at pains to liberalise imports and stimulate exports and at the same time to free the economic activity from state interference, said Popovich.

The recent devaluation of the Yugoslav dinar by close to 24 per cent is also seen as a measure to help the country wriggle out of the economic crisis.

## World Business Summary

### Central Bank offers discount facilities

The governor of Kuwait Central Bank Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah said "interest rates on Kuwaiti dinars cannot be separated from those of international currencies." Though, Kuwait is a free economy, the Central Bank constantly monitors foreign currencies interest rates to study their effects on the Kuwaiti dinar and the local economic situation and takes appropriate measures to stabilise the monetary market, he said.

As a measure to protect local banking interest rates, Sheikh Salem said the Central Bank has been offering discount facilities, which, during April and mid-May had registered a growth rate in the range of 25 per cent.

In protecting interest rates of the Kuwaiti dinar, the Central Bank is committed to providing local banks with the required liquidity.

One such measure, he said, was the recent Central Bank's involvement in purchasing and selling treasury orders to obtain the required liquidity. The Central Bank is continually involved in adopting different policies and utilising sophisticated economic techniques to solve problems that have been "cropping up" during the past few years: specifically the Al Manazir crisis and the consequent structuring and organising the programme of solving the difficult and complicated "debtors problems" and reactivating the economic market: including the continual restructuring of interest rates on the Kuwaiti dinar. Sheikh Salem disclosed that local banks recorded a 4.5 per cent increase in economic growth in 1987 compared to 1986 and he expected this growth to show a marked improvement for the year end 1988 compared to 1986 to 1987.

### Hungary and S. Korea to promote trade links

**SEOUL**, South Korea, May 31, (AP): Hungary and South Korea agreed in principle today to set up a private economic committee to promote trade between the two countries, government officials said.

The agreement was reached between Peter Loerincze, secretary-general of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce, and Park Young-Soo, president of the state-run Korea Trade Promotion Corp. (Kotra), the officials said. "They agreed in principle to set up a committee, comprising private business leaders of the two countries, to promote bilateral trade and economic relations," a Kotra spokesman said. Loerincze, who arrived on Sunday at the head of a 30-member trade mission, also met today with Nam Duck-Woo, chairman of the Korea Foreign Trade Association, and Kim Sung-Hi, president of the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It was the first Hungarian trade mission ever sent to South Korea. The two countries have no diplomatic relations.

Economic relations between the two countries have been expanding since last December when South Korea opened its first trade office in Budapest. Hungary reciprocated by setting up a trade office in Seoul in March. Kotra represented South Korea in trade talks with Hungary. During its stay in Seoul, the Hungarian mission will hold "Hungary week" starting on Wednesday, featuring a trade exhibition and cultural and food festivals at the Lotte shopping centre in downtown Seoul.

South Korea plans to use the improved relations with Hungary as a model in promoting trade links with other East European nations, with which it has no diplomatic relations.

### Taiwan major investor in Manila: trade secretary

**MANILA**, Philippines, May 31, (AP): Taiwan is replacing the United States and Japan as the principal foreign investor in the Philippines, Trade Secretary, Jose Concepcion said today. The government expected foreign investment to grow from \$420 million last year to between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion by the end of 1988. Concepcion told reporters, "If we look at a billion dollars, probably 40 per cent will be from Taiwan," Concepcion said. He attributed the increase to an appreciation of the Taiwan dollar, the Philippines' proximity to Taiwan and low labour costs in the Philippines. The Taiwanese also are less interested in investing elsewhere in Southeast Asia, he said. Taiwanese investments have centred on the plastics industry and garments. He said 25 to 30 per cent of investments were expected to be from the US, followed by about 20 per cent from Japan. The secretary, speaking at a forum on a US-proposed "mini-Marshall plan" of American aid, said funds should go to agriculture, which accounts for about 70 per cent of the Philippines' export earnings. "What we need is not the mini-Marshall plan" but an agro-industrial plan which would beef up our economy," he said. US officials have disclosed no details, but the Washington Post said last month that the United States would work with its allies to put together a \$10 billion package modelled after the Marshall plan which rebuilt Japan and Western Europe after World War II. Economist Alejandro Ichinose warned that the aid programme, "within context of our development programme, ... will work against our interest."

### Export oil prices unchanged

**CAIRO**, May 31, (AP): Egypt's crude oil export prices will remain unchanged during the first half of June, an Oil Ministry official said today. The prices will remain in effect from June 1-15 and will be \$14.85 a barrel for top-grade Gulf of Suez blend and \$14 a barrel for Belayim, said Hammad Ayyoub, director of foreign sales at the Oil Ministry. Raw Badraa will sell at \$13.10 a barrel and Ras Ghareb at \$12.40 a barrel.

This is the fourth time in a row that Egypt has maintained its prices over bi-weekly periods since the second half of April.

Egypt is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, but sets its export prices at regular intervals depending on the world market conditions.

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### Yugoslavia liberalises controls on foreign exchange and imports

**BELGRADE**, May 31, (Reuters): Yugoslavia lifted controls on foreign exchange and some imports on Monday as part of a new programme designed to combat the country's economic crisis.

The dinar was freed and the foreign exchange market left to function daily on the basis of supply and demand, official statements said. At the same time, controls were lifted on 40 per cent of imports.

The exchange rate liberalisation means Yugoslav firms will have easier access to foreign exchange and the dinar will find its value in a free market.

**Dropped**

Restrictions were dropped on the import of 200 types of consumer goods, including electrical appliances, cars and clothes, a government statement said.

The government hopes freer imports will force Yugoslav enterprises to be more competitive and promote realistic prices.

The foreign exchange market was brought under control seven years ago during an economic crisis.

The economic programme launched at the weekend mixes curbs on wages, spending and money supply with a freezing of prices, imports and the exchange rate.

Prices of 60 per cent of goods on the Yugoslav market were freed on Saturday, ending a six-month-old freeze. Inflation at the end of April stood at 152 per cent.

**Higher**

The dinar was devalued on Friday night, making a basket of hard currencies 23 per cent higher against the Yugoslav unit. The dinar was listed at 1,919.86 to the dollar on Monday after being 1,554.19 dinars to the dollar on Friday.

Officials said the foreign exchange market was not busy on the first day of its revival on Monday. Yugoslav banks had \$5.3 million for sale while demand was for 12.8 million, officials said. The gap was covered by the National Bank.

**Sony unveils Video Walkman**

**TOKYO**, May 31, (Reuters): One of the world's most innovative electronics companies, Sony, unveiled today the Video Walkman — a combination video recorder and television about the size of a fat paperback book.

The machine is equipped with a three-inch LCD (liquid crystal display) screen and an eight-mm video tape recorder which the company is still fighting to establish as the standard mini-video cassette format.

"We hope the Video Walkman will augur in a new video era," a company spokesman told a news conference.

Sony introduced the Audio Walkman in 1979 and has sold more than 35 million since, the spokesman said.

The 1.1 kg (2.4 pound) video/TV machine, designated the GV-8, will be sold in Japan for 128,000 yen (\$1,000) from August 21 and in the US and Canada by year-end, although prices have not been set.

**Sales**

Sales in Europe will follow.

The spokesman said consumers in cars and on trains are seen as the main customers for the GV-8.

Sony also hopes the machine will spur sales of video magazines and help popularise the company's eight-mm format, which competes with the VHS-C compact-size system developed by Japanese competitor JVC, he said.

One cassette, slightly larger than a conventional audio cassette, can play for up to four hours.

### Tokyo will almost double its aid to Jakarta

### Indonesian economy becomes increasingly tied to Japan

**JAKARTA**, May 31, (Reuters): Japan has stepped in with extra aid to help Indonesia manage its mounting foreign debt repayments, emphasising the Southeast Asian nation's increasingly close ties to Tokyo.

Japanese officials say Tokyo will almost double its aid to Indonesia in the financial year which began in April to \$2.3 billion, from 1.23 billion last year.

The aid will account for almost 30 per cent of Indonesia's total external financing needs, estimated by the World Bank at \$7.8 billion in 1988/89.

**Aid**

This massive aid is sucking Indonesia increasingly into the orbit of the powerful Japanese economy, despite its strong trade links with the United States, Southeast Asia and Western Europe, bankers and business men say.

The Japanese are treading warily. They see Indonesia as a stable supplier of oil and raw materials, and they don't want things to sour politically by crossing local sensitivities," said one Western banker who did not want to be identified.

Japan takes half Indonesia's oil exports, is its biggest foreign investor by far, and one third of Indonesia's official overseas debt of \$47.3 billion is in yen.

Indonesia, with its population of 175 million, is an important resource base for Japan. It is a major supplier of rubber, palm oil, tin and coffee, while almost all its exports of copper and nickel are sold to Japan.

"We have to be very careful about local sensitivities, not to appear to be coming in here telling people what to do," said one Japanese businessman.

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May, recalling the help Indonesia gave Japan during the oil crisis in the 1970s.

But Japan, using its weight as a major trading partner, has not been slow to gripe about the business and investment climate in Indonesia, which Japanese businessmen say is now less attractive than in other Southeast Asian countries like Thailand and Malaysia.

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Foreign Minister, Mochtar Kusumamadja said he welcomed Japan's growing presence in the region linked through the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), which comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines.

But he said ties should be put on a more equal footing.

"Japan's relationship with ASEAN should change to a form which would ensure equal benefit to both parties," Mochtar said.

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growing debt repayments, the government has little option but to turn Japan for help.

The fall in oil prices and the appreciation of the yen has added to Indonesia's difficulties, and without Japanese help many major capital spending projects would have to be scrapped because of government cutbacks.

**Loans**

The World Bank has recommended a group of 14 donor countries to provide soft loans and assistance worth \$3.6 billion this year. Of this, Japan will provide \$1.4 billion.

Much of this will be spent on projects which can be implemented quickly, so that the economic impact is fast. Indonesia is worried about growing unemployment, particularly in the cities, and is anxious to maintain economic growth to avoid social unrest.

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### US banking industry seen coping with setbacks

**WASHINGTON**, May 31. The US banking industry is beginning to make a comeback from the major setbacks it faced in 1987, according to Robert Heller, a governor of the US Federal Reserve Board.

Heller, testifying before the Senate Banking Committee on May 25, said that 1987 was "an extremely difficult year" for the US banking system as earnings declined and the number of problem banks and bank failures reached record highs, according to US Information Service.

Despite the difficulties, he said, many banking institutions are beginning to see their earnings and asset quality improve as the economy continues to grow, conditions in the agricultural sector improve and

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NAME	LAST	LASMO	795.0	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	285.70	JAGUAR	257.6	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ADT LTD	116.70	LADBROKE	409.0	2ND ALLCE	689.0	687.0
ALD LYONS	438.0	LUCAS IND	513.0	A.B.ELECT	415.0	418.0
ANSTRAD	188.0	MAGNET	245.0	CALOR GRP	374.0	372.0
ARGYLL GP	195.0	MARKS+SP	175.0	CAMB ELEC	224.0	223.0
ASDA GP	180.0	MICHAEL	227.0	CAMP. METAL	204.0	203.0
BAA	285.70	METAL BOX	250.0	ALEX. ARK	171.0	172.0
BT&T	407.0	MEPC	567.0	AMER. TRST	322.0	323.0
BAT INDs	395.0	MIDLAND BK	395.0	CANNING ST	286.0	286.0
BARCLAYS	350.0	NEXT	262.0	CAP. GRP	294.0	295.0
BASS	797.0	ALD. COLL	126.0	CAP. RADIO	261.0	262.0
BEAVER	168.0	NTH FOODS	287.0	CARLCO EN	162.0	163.0
BEEMACHS	454.0	P & O DFD	575.0	CARLESS C	123.0	123.0
BERISFORD	320.0	PEARL	480.0	CATER. CH	815.0	813.0
BICC PLC	325.0	PEARSON	699.0	CASE GRP	91.0	91.0
BIG ARRW	115.0	PILKINGTON	192.0	CATER. SEC	370.0	370.0
BIG CIRC	414.0	PLESSEY	154.5	CENTL. ITV	539.0	538.0
BIG CIRC	414.0	PRUDENTIAL	153.0	CHARTERIA	17.6	18.0
BOC GP	372.0	RAICAL	313.0	CHAS. CHUR	137.0	136.0
BOOTS CO	206.0	RANK HNK	358.0	CHATER CH	193.0	193.0
BPP INDs	273.0	RANK ONG	705.0	CHILLING	448.0	448.0
BR COMM	248.0	RCKIT+CO	865.0	CHRISTIES	553.0	553.0
BR AIRWAY	146.0	REDLAND	402.0	CI GROUP	44.0	45.0
BR AEROS	382.0	REED	420.0	CLYDE PET	131.0	131.0
BR GAS RE	167.0	RYL BK SC	335.0	COINTR. SEC	56.0	56.0
B.P.	260.0	RMC GRP	468.0	COALITE	289.0	288.0
B.P. NEW	64.0	REUTERS	482.0	COATES BR	323.0	325.0
BR TELCO	237.0	RTZ CORP.	407.0	COLLINS A	461.0	460.0
BRITOL	140.0	ROLLS ROY	120.0	COLLINS V	565.0	568.0
BUNZL	140.0	ROTINAN B	422.0	COLOLOR	185.0	185.0
BURNHOL	513.4	ROYAL INS	363.0	COSTAIN	311.0	312.0
BURTON	238.0	SAATCHI	365.0	COURTS A	179.0	177.0
CABLE&WIRE	348.0	SCOT+NEW	320.0	COURTS FR	253.0	248.0
CADDYBRS	417.0	SAINSBURY	216.0	COVITE (T)	108.0	108.0
COATAS VIY	230.0	SCOT+NEW	320.0	COVITE (T)	108.0	108.0
COM. UNI	358.0	SEARS	122.0	DALEHORN	218.0	218.0
CONS GOLD	502.5	SEDEGENICK	228.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
COOKSONS	517.0	SHELL	205.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
COURTAULD	534.6	SMITH IND	250.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
DALGETY	307.0	SMITH+NEPH	117.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
DEE CP	185.0	STC	252.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
DIXONS	180.0	STORENIE	259.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
ENG CHINA	450.0	SUB ALLIA	917.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
ENTER OIL	392.0	TARMAC	245.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
FKI BABCK	124.0	TATE&LEYLE	755.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
FERRANTI	79.0	TESCO	146.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GEN ACCID	890.0	THORN EMI	633.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GEN ELEC	145.0	TRAF HSE	297.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GLAVID	900.0	TSB	97.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GRANADA	307.0	T + N	171.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GLOBE	135.0	TRUSTHSE	253.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GLYNHEW	453.0	ULTRAMAR	282.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GRAND MET	503.0	UNILEVER	438.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GUARD RYL	880.0	UNIGATE	314.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GNK	321.0	UTB BSC	267.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
GUINNESS	319.0	UTB M&SPR	407.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
HAMMERSR	588.0	WELLCOME	534.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
HANSON	128.0	WHTBDR	288.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
HUKER SID	495.0	WILLIAMS	268.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
HILLSDOWN	270.4	WILLIS FB	255.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
ICI	958.0	WINPEY GE	250.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0
INI	186.0	Woolworth	287.0	DALEHORN	147.0	147.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1427.5	1430.0	1430.6	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1010.2	1010.2	984.4
FT ALL SHR	925.48	923.48	923.48	957.6
FT GO SEC	89.91	89.91	89.91	91.0
FT GOLD MN	215.7	215.7	215.7	237.3
FT MINES F	509.79	509.79	509.79	432.96
FT OIL	1777.8	1777.8	1777.8	1663.6
FT WLD DLR	125.57	126.12	127.17	128.44
FT WLD STG	100.30	100.75	101.21	101.83
FT WLD LOC	110.09	110.58	111.18	112.29
				99.08

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES DULL IN SLUGGISH AFTERNOON

LONDON, MAY 31, REUTER - SHARES WERE DULL IN AFTERNOON BUSINESS AND DRIFTED LOWER FOR LACK OF SUPPORT, DESPITE THE HIGHER INITIAL TREND ON WALL STREET, DEALERS SAID.

TRADING VOLUME AT 1400 GMT WAS A MODEST 285.3 MLN, POINTING TO A LACK OF INTEREST FROM INVESTORS. DEALERS SAID THE HIGH PROPORTION OF SHARES UNCHANGED FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSING LEVELS THIS AFTERNOON INDICATED THE LACK OF INTEREST IN TODAY'S MARKET.

CADBURY-SCHWEPPES STOOD OUT AS THE MOST ACTIVE ISSUE, RISING 7P TO 414 ON TURNOVER OF 9.9 MLN SHARES ON SPECULATION A U.S. SOFT DRINKS COMPANY IS SHADOWING THE FIRM. RONTELL FELL 14P TO 1,034, AWAITING BID DEVELOPMENTS FROM NESTLE OR SUCHARD.

IRISH DISTILLERS WAS UP A NET 61P TO 293 AFTER THE COMPANY REJECTED A NEAR 200 MLN IRISH POUND JOINT BID FROM GILBEYS OF IRELAND AND CANTRELL AND COCHRANE.

THEY WOULD PRESS SPECULATION THAT JAPANESE OR CANADIAN INTERESTS MIGHT BE ABOUT TO ENTER THE HUNT FOR IRISH DISTILLERS. GILBEYS IS SUBSIDIARY OF GRAND METROPOLITAN AND CANTRELL AND COCHRANE A SUBSIDIARY OF ALLIED-LYONS.

DRINKS SECTOR ANALYSTS SAY THE BID FROM GILBEYS AND CANTRELL AND COCHRANE COULD BE A RANGE-FINDING EXERCISE AND THAT THE LATTER COMPANIES MIGHT COME BACK WITH A HIGHER OFFER. OTHER DRINKS COMPANIES SHOWED GUINNESS 3P UP AT 127.

## London Gold

LONDON, MAY 31, REUTER - GOLD BULLION WAS FIXED 1.50 DLRS ABOVE ITS MORNING SETTLEMENT AT 455.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, WHILE PLATINUM PARSED AN EARLY STRONG ADVANCE TO STAND AT 603.75 DLRS AN OUNCE AT ITS AFTERNOON FIX, DEALERS SAID.

PLATINUM WAS SET AT A NINE MONTH HIGH OF 612.75 DLRS DURING THE MORNING SESSION AFTER JUMPING TO AROUND 622 DLRS IN EARLY EUROPEAN TRADE. JAPANESE SPECULATIVE DEMAND ON FEARS OF STRIKE AT SOUTH AFRICAN MINES HAD TAKEN THE MARKET UP SHARPLY FROM LONDON'S PRE-HOLIDAY WEEKEND CLOSE OF 581.50/583 DLRS.

THIS STRONG GAIN WAS LATER CHECKED BY PROFIT-TAKING, AND SELLING BY EUROPEAN OPERATORS AND COMMISSION HOUSES, THEY ADDED.

## London Money Market

LONDON, MAY 31, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES ENDED MOSTLY 1/16 POINT FIRMER AS STERLING FALTERED IN ITS UPWARD DRIVE THIS AFTERNOON, LOSING GROUND AGAINST BOTH THE MARK AND THE DOLLAR.

ONE DEALER SAID "EVERYONE KNOWS THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO STOP UP RATES AND STOP THIS CREDIT BOOM, BUT STERLING IS STOPPING THEM." THUS, ANY SIGN OF WEAKNESS IN THE CURRENCY IS QUICKLY TRANSLATED INTO UPWARD PRESSURE ON RATES, HE SAID.

THE KEY THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 POINT UP AT 7-13/16 11/16 WHILE THREE MONTH FUTURES, WHICH IS A FASTER BAROMETER OF INTEREST RATE TRENDS, FELL 11 TICKS TO 92.03.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DKR	FFR
1.8465/70	1.7235/40	5.8015/35	OPG
STG 1.8440/50	3.1840/70	10.7010/7125	NOON
DKR 1.7227/7307	3.178/192	29.67/83	FIX
FFR 5.796/808	10.701/719	335.88/36.52	FIX
FR 1.4400/4410	2.6554/6586	83.35/45	24.81/84
HFL 1.9330	3.5670	112.01	33.715
ECU 1.20931	0.654919	2.08449	7.01641
SFR 1.37129	0.756461	2.33490	CLOSE
TEN 124.97/07	230.59/91	7.91371	N/A
SDR RATE	30/05/198		

## International Bond Highlights

London — British Telecommunications Plc is issuing a 100 min stg 9-1/4 pct Eurobond due July 6, 1993, at 101-3/8 pct. Kielworth Benson Ltd said as lead manager. (RTTG 1113)

London — Shinko Shoji of Japan is issuing a 65 min dir equity warrant Eurobond due June 16, 1993, paying an indicated 4-1/4 pct. Daiwa Ltd said as lead manager. (RTUA 1351)

London — Ford Credit Australia Ltd is issuing a 50 min Australian dir 13-1/2 pct Eurobond due July 12, 1993, priced at 102 pct. Hambros Bank Ltd said as lead manager. (RTVK 1527). In New York, Ford Motor Credit Co is issuing 75 min Australian dir notes, said lead Merrill Lynch capital markets. (RTVD 1506)

London — Alcan Finances BV's recent five year exchangeable Eurobond issue was reduced to 150 min dir from 200 min dir today with fixing of its coupon and conversion price. Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said as lead manager. (RTZU 1040)

London — Toronto Dominion Bank, Cayman branch, is issuing a five billion yen, five year bond and a three billion yen, four year bond, lead manager Goldman Sachs International Corp said. Both issues have seven pct coupons. (RTTW 1252)

## Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
USD 7-1/2 1/4	7-7/16 5/16	7-13/16 11/16
FTT 4.20/50	3.35/45	3.55/60
PAR 7-1/4 5/16	7-5/16 7/16	7-3/8 1/2
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	2-1/2 2-3/4	2-5/8 2-7/8
BXR 3.25	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
BOH 9-3/4 10-1/4	10-3/4 10-7/8	10-3/4 11-1/4
AMS 3-7/8 4.00	3-15/16 4.0	4-1/16 4-3/16
TOX 3.2500 3125	3.9375 4.0000	3.8700 3.9375
ECU 5.50 5.62	5.62 5.75	6.00 6.12

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KDB interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6.5/16	6 3/4
3 months	6.5/16	6 3/4
6 months	6.5/16	6 3/4
1 year	6.5/16	6 3/4

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLM/DIA	67	66	66.50	NICO	560	557.50	584
GNFC	47.50	47.50	49	MUKUND	91	91	93			
ASIA PAINT	95.50	95.50	97	KOCIL	465	462.50	465			
BAJAJ AUTO	190	197.50	165	GSFC	125	124	131.50	OKAY	43.50	43 44.50
BAR.RAYON	245	250	245	HINDALCO	84	85	85	PFIZER	72	70
BON.DYING	125	125	125	HINDCOCA	77.50	75	83.50	PRE AUTO	33	35 35
B.R. BOND	91	90	91.50	HINDMOTOR	20.50	21.75	21.50	SAYMOND	48.50	47
BSE INDEX	557.69	575.44	575.44	IND.ORG	24	24	24.50	RELIANCE	194.50	190
CENTURYSUPG	850	852.50	860	INDRAYON	65	65	65.50	SIEMENS	73	71
COLGATE	200	200	203.75	INDROL	175	175	175	SPIC	53.50	53.50
DEEPAKFERT	40	40	40.50	ITC	44	41	43	STHILLMS	242.50	240
E.I. NOTE	50.50	50.50	50	JKSYNTH	64.50	64	65	TATA PUR	255	247.50
ESKAYEF	167.50	173.75	175.50	L. T	92.50	92	93.50	TATACHEM	75	74.50
ESSAR	21	21.50	23	MAHINDRA	60	61	59.50	TELCO	627.50	620
GAR. POLY	82	81	81.50	MASTERSHR	12.25	12.12	12.37	TISCO	758.75	777.50
GE.SHIP	29.35	29.25	31.50	WATHER PL	80	79.75	81.25	VOLTAS	290	287.50
									292.50	

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR.CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR.CLOSE	MITSUBI CP	1280	1290
AEG	208.3	208.0	AIJINMOTO	3250	3280	MITSUBI EST	2500	2450
ALLIANZ VR	1359.0	1328.0	AKAI ELEC	635	636	MITSUBI HVY	720	700
BADEWERK	180.5	180.5	AKDI	1090	1030	MITSU CO	890	881
BAASF	255.9	252.2	ASAHY GAS	1920	1890	MITSUKOSHI	1630	1650
BAFER HYP	277.5	273.5	ASAHY OPT	726	729	MITSUNI EL	1200	1210
BAFER VER	326.0	320.5	BANK TOKYO	1500	1500	MICHICON	1340	1350
BBC	314.5	314.5	BRIDGESTON	1450	1440	NIKKO SEC	1830	1780
BHF	357.0	355.0	CANON	1210	1180	NIP ELEC	2080	2060
BHM	519.0	510.0	CASIO COMP	1240	1230	NIP KOKAN	422	405
COMMERZBK	219.5	216.3	CHUGAI MNG	0	1630	NIP OIL	1170	1160
CONTI GUMM	245.8	241.3	CITIZEN W.	970	914	NIP STEEL	474	458
DAIFER BEN	608.0	601.0	D-ICHI KAN	3020	3020	NIP YUSEN	673	656
DEUTSC BNK	407.8	400.5	DAI NIP IK	790	785	NIS MOTOR	915	911
DLW	359.0	342.0	DAI NIP PT	2560	2590	NOHARA SEC	3780	3770
DRESDNER B	241.5	237.5	DAI NIP SC	1060	1070	OBHA CO	998	1000
DT BABCOCK	150.0	147.0	DAICEL	875	860	OLYMPUS	1140	1140
FAZ-INDEX	454.19-448.57	454.19-448.57	DAIMON SEC	3175.90	2998	PESTA PCN	900	910
GOLDSCHMID	263.00	258.00	DAIMON SEC	3175.90	3050	UTJEWON GEM	3050	3050
HARPERENTER	416.00	405.00	EBBA MFG	928	900	YOSHINO CO	2175.95	1980
HOECHST AG	271.5	267.3	EISAI	2290	2290	ZYDOS CO	2420	2250
HOESCH	134.2	133.5	FUJITSU	1490	1490	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
HORTEN	179.0	176.2	FUJI BANK	3150	3090	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
HUSSEN HLD	422.5	421.2	FUJI PHOTO	3680	3660	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
KALI SALZ	141.0	140.2	FUJISAWA	1850	1890	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
KARSTADT	447.5	447.5	FUJITA CP	779	782	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
KAUFHOF	382.0	380.0	HITACHI	1360	1350	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
KLOECK H	106.9	107.7	HONDA MOT	1620	1660	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
KLOECK M	95.10	91.80	ISCTAN	1570	1560	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
LINDE	655.0	648.5	ITO YOKADO	4500	4500	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
LUFTHANSA	144.5	145.0	JAP SYR JU	988	965	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
NAN	182.5	178.8	JAPAN AIR	15000	14600	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
MANNESMAN	149.4	146.5	JAPAN MET	650	649	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
MERCDES	483.7	471.0	KAJIMA	1540	1570	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
METALGES	320.0	327.0	KANSAI EL	2900	2860	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
MIXDORF PF	517.0	507.0	KAO SOAP	1920	1900	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
NORKS HYD	51.50	51.80	KAMAKASAKI	451	443	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
PHILIP KOM	570.0	569.5	KAMAKASAKI	435	410	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
PORSCHE	514.0	511.8	KIRIN BREW	2230	2240	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
PREUSSAG	175.4	171.5	KOHATSU	734	710	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
RHEIN	210.0	198.0	KOBATO LTD	737	713	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
RHEIN P	190.0	189.0	KYOCERA	5260	5250	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
RHEINMETAL	280.0	265.0	MAKITA EL	1720	1740	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
SAALAMANDER	258.8	259.0	MARU	3140	3150	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
SCHERING	495.2	500.0	MATSUTA EL	2510	2480	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
SEL	282.0	278.0	MATSUTA EL	0	2660	ZYKANTO	1980	1930
SIEMENS	365.							

Platinum prices jump on Japanese buying

# Dollar strengthens, gold gains

LONDON, May 31. (AP): The US dollar closed mostly higher in thin European trading today as foreign currency dealers in London and New York returned from holiday weekends. Gold prices rose.

Finding the American currency higher and lacking any reason to sell it, dealers said market players pushed it higher in Europe.

"We came back from our long, wet weekend to find the dollar higher than we remembered it," said David Deacon of EBC-Amro Bank in London.

**Rise**  
London dealers said the dollar's rise yesterday, when they were on holiday, was the result of higher US interest rates and momentum from the dollar's rise through a resistance point of 1,7150 West German marks on Friday.

The West German central bank intervened in the market today by selling \$7.4 million, but dealers said it had little impact on the market.

Against the trend, the US currency closed lower the Dutch guilder, Italian lira and Canadian dollar.

Earlier, the dollar closed in Tokyo at 124.80 Japanese yen, down from yesterday's 124.95 yen. In late London trading it rose to 125.50 yen.

**Gained**  
The dollar also gained against the British pound in London, where it was quoted late today at \$1.8385 compared with 1.8478 in Europe yesterday and 1.8570 in London late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Lon-

don, compared with late yesterday:

— 1,7292 West German marks, up from 1,7270

— 1,4437 Swiss francs, up from 1,4415

— 5,8215 French francs, up from 5,7025

— 1,9333 Dutch guilders, down from 1,9335

— 1,279.95 Italian lire, down from 1,280.00

— 1,2357 Canadian dollars, down from 1,2378

Gold prices firmed in Europe, boosted by gains in platinum, bullion dealers said.

The late bid price in London was \$454.80 a troy ounce, up from late Friday's \$452.

The London market was closed yesterday for a national holiday.

In Zurich, gold closed at a bid of \$455 up from late yesterday's \$452.50.

Earlier, gold closed in Hong Kong at a bid of \$455.80 up from 454.31.

**Surprising**

Silver bullion traded in London late today at a bid \$6.65 a troy ounce, up from 6.59 in London late Friday and 6.57 in Zurich yesterday.

Meanwhile strong Japanese buying helped to send platinum prices soaring in bullion markets today but precious metals analysts said they were unsure the rally would continue.

Platinum — used to make jewellery, car exhaust anti-pollution devices and glass — jumped nearly \$30 an ounce to a high of \$622 in early European trading and then steadied at around \$602.

But the size of its sharp early

jump surprised traders.

"It's true the Japanese are buying, but the question is why. It's hard to say," said Werner Hechler, a platinum trader at Bank Leu in Zurich.

"I find the big rise in platinum very surprising. It's not so long ago that the price was the same as gold. If there's a correction in the market, it could be very abrupt. Maybe there's some investor possibility of a strike by black miners in South Africa, a major target for takeovers."

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He's a man of peace, insists Sylvester Stallone

## Rambo's back to 'whip' the Russians again

By Robert Barr

NEW YORK, (AP): Rambo rewrote the lessons of the Vietnam war by having a lone American guerrilla single-handedly vanquish Hanoi's troops and their Soviet advisers. Now, he's back to whip the Red Army again — this time in Afghanistan.

After freeing American prisoners held long after the end of the Vietnam war in *Rambo: First Blood Part II*, the muscle-bound fighter faces a new Communist government propped up by Soviet military might.

Guess who wins.

*Rambo III* features more of the cartoonish violence of its predecessors, with the slow-talking, fast-shooting fighter joining horse-mounted Muslim holy warriors to subdue Soviet armour.

He's the same invincible John J. Rambo that delighted President Ronald Reagan at the time of the TWA hijacking in Beirut in 1985. "After seeing Rambo last night, I know what to do the next time this happens," Reagan joked.

"That's wrong," actor Sylvester Stallone says hotly. "Rambo goes in to end conflicts, not initiate them. He didn't go in to kick the Russians' butts, he went in to get his friends out."

David Morrell, the former Iowa state English professor who created Rambo in the novel *First Blood*, says he also was offended by Reagan's jest.

"I can't say I was amused," Morrell said. "Because I was distressed by the interpretation of the character. But I was bemused because it's a way of being told how powerful the character is. So I was gratified by that."

## Promote

Rambo: First Blood Part II grossed 150 million dollars in US theatres three years ago and made Rambo a part of the language. Reagan's joke was his first public mention of Rambo, but others followed.

Stallone and Morrell who recently came to New York to promote the film, both say Rambo is a "founding legend, not a jingoistic murderer but a celluloid descendant of the

invincible John J. Rambo, who inspired President Ronald Reagan at the time of the TWA hijacking in Beirut in 1985 ('I know what to do the next time this happens') is back to save the Afghans from the 'red menace'.



Sylvester Stallone as Rambo is tortured in the film *Rambo, First Blood, part II*. He gets his revenge against the Soviet might in his latest film.

frontier gunslinger forced into one last battle.

"I find it incredible," Stallone says, his voice rising. "every time some local atrocity occurs where a man puts on fatigue pants and takes a rifle and goes into a shopping centre, it's Rambo murderer slays there."

"Rambo doesn't kill innocents... he's never killed unarmed children."

"I keep close watch of this, and I know of only six cases in which the Rambo character was blamed for violent events," says Morrell. Three were in the United States, he said, and the others in England, Australia and Canada.

"When I look into these things, what happened was that *we were dealing with psychotics*... people who were unbalanced. If it hadn't been

one thing, it would have been that their rice krispies (breakfast cereal) didn't snap, crackle and pop properly in the morning."

So what does Rambo stand for? That depends, in part, whether it's the books or the films.

Morell, who had Rambo criticising US policy in Central America in his book of Rambo II, had suggested setting the 63-million-dollar Rambo in Nicaragua.

Stallone vetoed that. If Rambo fears anything, it's controversy.

"Until that conflict is really over, or until the line of demarcation is drawn... then I can't jump into that," Stallone said of Nicaragua.

"I used to think I did," he said. "I understand 'glasnost', and the Soviets' need to do this. ... I'm all for 'glasnost'. I think

black hats.

"You have 300 million Russians vs. 12 million Afghans who are undernourished, underarmed, undertrained and they are holding their own. Finally, after 8 1/2 years they are receiving some assistance,"

Stallone said.

"But Rambo doesn't go in to fight Russians. When they accuse me or my characters of red-bashing, that is irresponsible, because he never says, 'I'm gonna get that dirty commie.' It never came out of his mouth."

Gee, maybe it was all the exploding Russians in Rambo II or the hulking Soviet boxer in Rocky IV that gave the impression that Stallone harbours strong feelings about Moscow.

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the (Soviet) military branch is totally out of line, and they've made mistakes, and this is their Vietnam."

Perhaps the real villain in Rambo's world is the US government.

In First Blood, which became a film in 1982, Rambo wages war against a sheriff who was a decorated hero of the Korean war. The story ends with an innocent American town in flames.

In Rambo II, he was stranded in enemy territory by a cynical, lying, high-level bureaucrat who was covering up knowledge of American prisoners in Vietnam.

The worst that can be said of the US embassy official in Rambo III is that he's a little brusque.

In the first book, Morell had this explanation for Rambo's rage:

"He had killed a great many people, and he could pretend their deaths were necessary because they were all a part of what was pushing him, making it impossible for someone like him to get along. But he did not totally believe it. He had enjoyed the fight too much."

## Hamlet

The Rambo of the books has a Hamlet streak, to kill or not to kill. But Stallone's Rambo won't talk about self-defence or justifiable wars. His audience, he says, doesn't want lectures.

"They know the essence of the character, and they know what he does best and they want to get to it," he says.

Stallone is already thinking about "Rambo IV", scouting the globe for a crisis where one man could lend a hand.

"Panama is leading up to be a very interesting situation," says Stallone, who regards Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega as the perfect villain.

"Could you cast a better man? Seriously? I mean, he's god-sent — good guy, bad guy, the face, the looks, his own private army, the drugs... I mean, the canal itself, the importance, incredible. That's a scenario."

So back to the jungle?

"Yeah, go down and teach him how to... breakdance," Stallone growls. "Have a little rap session at Noriega's house this weekend."



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Labour leader, among others. Both men had garnered strong support among film community Democrats, who appeared to be preparing lavish fund-raising events.

Hayden, when asked what impact Hollywood had had so far on the presidential contest, replied shortly: "None."

If things do get going, the Democratic cause can expect vocal public support from stars such as Walter Matthau, Telly Savalas, Cher, Margot Kidder, Roberta Flack, Teri Garr, Richard Gere and, of course, Streisand and Fonda.

Republican activists in Hollywood have always been more reserved than the Democrats, and that Vice-President Bush appears to have the nomination in the bag seems to have made them all the quieter.

But Bush, like Ronald Reagan before him, knows that he can always rely on both the financial and public support of George H. W. Bush, the Singing Cowboy, whose shrewd investments have made him one of Hollywood's wealthiest men.

## Star turn-out expected for US elections

Jane Fonda and her politician husband, Tom Hayden, were looked to for a series of high-profile fund-raising events.

Other stars were expected to turn up in force at the first Jackson and Dukakis foray into California over the past couple of weeks. But the candidates have been disappointed.

Some party workers believe Hollywood feels that it was "burned" by the fiasco of Gary Hart's on-off withdrawal and by Senator Joseph Biden bowing out amid charges of plagiarising speeches by Kinnock, the

for street scenes and exteriors, was especially laid with cobblestones. All of the 250 costumes required for the gigantic cast were made over a two-year period before production commenced, using a staff of 25 to handweave genuine fabrics in the quest to recreate the England of the 1840s.

The film took a year to cast, but eventually Edzard and Goodwin, a co-produced of David Lean's "A Passage to India" and various Agatha Christie adaptations, were assisted by some of Britain's finest actors. Alec Guinness's portravil of the noble and durably spirited William Dorrit marks 40 years as one of Britain's, and the world's top film actors.

His Dickensian roles came early in his long career with the pre-World War II stage production of "Great Expectations" which inspired David Lean to make a screen version of 1946. The successful partnership of Lean and Guinness continued with "Oliver Twist" in which Guinness played Fagin, and, mostly recently, "A Passage to India."

His performance is one of quiet skill and control, capturing the heart of a proud man whose 25 years of captivity have not diminished his dignity.

This cottage industry approach to film-making seems to have paid off. The accuracy in recreating the past is coupled with an extremely high standard of performances. Aside from Guinness, Derek Jacobi provides a sturdy backbone to both parts of the film. Miriam Margolyes's babbling Flora, Clennam's childhood sweetheart, and Sarah Pickering's purposeful heroine, Little Dorrit, represent acting of the highest order.

Edzard, backed by the atmospheric music of Verdi, has achieved a startling adaptation which breaks out of the confines of her small London studio. A daunting six hours of Dickens has proved a critical and commercial success allowing its audience to enter and appreciate a long lost world.

## 'Little Dorrit' comes to the screen

As many as 70 feature films have now been made of the novels of the 19th century English writer, Charles Dickens. The latest 'Little Dorrit,' a £5 million production, reinforces a long tradition of fine cinematic adaptations of his work.

By Adrian Sibley

THE new film of *Little Dorrit* is a rare and ambitious achievement. Taking one of Charles Dickens's lesser known novels, director and writer Christopher Edzard has created six hours of meticulously crafted period cinema, filmed in and around a single studio converted from a derelict warehouse in London's East End, on a comparatively small budget by Hollywood standards.

Edzard's company, Sands Films, run together with her producer-husband, Richard Goodwin, is based in Rotherhithe, part of London's newly fashionable docklands area. Four years in the making, *Little Dorrit*, which consists of two complementary films, each lasting three hours, was filmed over a nine-month period using a cast of 250 on a budget of £5 million. Yet the cast list reads like a roll call of the best British acting talent including, Sir Alec Guinness, the late Joan Greenwood, Derek Jacobi, Roshan Seth and Cyril Cusack.

Charles Dickens needs no introduction. His huge array of characters is a trademark and continual source of fascination. His classic novels have long transferred to the screen with considerable success. There have been over 70 filmed versions of his work through the history of cinema. The director David Lean once hailed him as "the perfect screenwriter," although Dickens wrote half a century before film-making properly commenced.

Dickens's ability to combine a story with vivid characters and incident, often in satisfactory resolved narratives that are accessible to all, makes his books ripe for the transfer from word to film.

But this peculiarly British novelist's most contemporary relevant novel "Little Dorrit" — another greater writer, George Bernard Shaw, claimed it alone converted him to socialism — has only been filmed twice before.

## Complex

The first time in 1920, was orchestrated by writer/director Sidney Morgan, the second, in 1933, was made in Germany with Anny Ondra in the title role. Neither film is well known. Yet Edzard believes the book is "one of the richest of Dickens's novels and one of the closest to today."

She faced a difficult task in adapting the long and often complex novel, originally serialised for an eager 19th century public. She took the effective and original route of adapting it for the screen by dropping a villain (Blandish) and Arthur Clennam's twin brother, and dividing the film into two parts: "Nobody's Fault" and "Little Dorrit."

This daring division of Dick-

ens's book was based on solid reasoning. "Writing the script was a massive task," she explains. "With *Little Dorrit* it was unthinkable for this size of work to have less than two films to be true to Dickens's novel. We would not have had time with just one film."

The first part is Arthur Clennam's story. The well-meaning Clennam, played by Derek Jacobi, returns from China after the death of his father to renounce the family business, closely controlled by his mother (Joan Greenwood) with the assistance of her servant, Flintwich (Max Wall).

Working in the family household is Little Dorrit, played by newcomer Sarah Pickering, whom Clennam attempts to assist after discovering that her father, William Dorrit (Alec Guinness), has been held in London's Marshalsea debtors' prison for 25 years. Clennam himself ends up in the prison, after securing the release of "the Father of Marshalsea," when his newly found out with inventor Daniel Doyce (Edward Burnham) collapses.

The second part relates the same events through the eyes of Little Dorrit, who travels with her father and family abroad after William's release. She remains firmly in love with Clennam and on discovering his predicament returns to secure his freedom and is finally united with him. The threat of the two films is their slowly growing relationship.

"Little Dorrit" recreates Dickens's epoch with painstaking accuracy. The main large stage was under construction in the summer of 1985. The second stage, principally used



Newcomer Sarah Pickering as Little Dorrit in a scene from the film.

## Rossellini seeks acceptance as a serious actress

By Matthew Heller

LOS ANGELES, (Reuters): "People are now talking to me as an actress," says Isabella Rossellini, daughter of the late Ingrid Bergman. "They're not asking, 'what makes you think you can act'?"

Rossellini, who has had to make the difficult transition from a huge successful modelling career and step out from the shadow of her mother, attributes this breakthrough to a role many said would doom her as an actress.

In the erotic mystery *Blue Velvet*, she played nightclub singer Dorothy Vallens who enacts an elaborate sadomasochistic ritual with a psychopath (Dennis Hopper) and makes him strip at knifepoint. In another scene she was shown nude.

*Blue Velvet* did one great thing for me... it has really given me a reputation as an actress," Rossellini said in a recent interview.

The latest opportunity for Rossellini, one of the world's highest-paid models thanks to her contract with the perfume and cosmetics company Lan-

come, to show how she can act is the film "Zelly and Me".

She plays Zelly, the French governess of a young, orphaned girl who is trying to break free from the overbearing yoke of her grandmother (Glynis Johns). David Lynch, director of *Blue Velvet*, makes his acting debut as Zelly's suitor.

The film is another offbeat choice for Rossellini who has also appeared in the quirky "Tough Guys Don't Dance," the feature film directing debut of author Norman Mailer, and *Siesta*, in which she played the wife of a Spanish trapeze artist.

"Basically, I don't get those mainstream scripts," she said with a shrug. "Maybe I have too European a point of view."

Rossellini, the child of Bergman and Italian film director Roberto Rossellini, whose adulterous affair scandalised Hollywood in the late 1940s, was raised in Europe and her English still carries a strong Italian accent.

She started her acting career in 1976 in *A Matter of Time*, playing a nun who attends the dying Ingrid Bergman character, and got good reviews for the Italian film *The Meadow*.

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three years later.

Then followed a long acting hiatus that some attributed to respect for her mother, who died in 1982. Rossellini, whose uncanny resemblance to Bergman even extends to the same air of serenity and the throaty laugh, has another explanation.

"I started working in Italy and then came to America," she recalled. "They told me I was a foreigner and Ingrid Bergman's daughter and everything was wrong for me to make it as an actress."

She said she was most proud of her work in *Blue Velvet* and *Zelly and Me*, because she understood the characters.

"My character in *Blue Velvet* is so emotionally stressed and disturbed that she inflicts pain on herself. This film (*Zelly and Me*) tells the story of how when you are emotionally disturbed and lose love for yourself, you

can start punishing yourself. "What I like is not so much neurotic, but directors who have a very strong opinion and style," she said. "When I read the script for *Zelly*, I said, 'my god, this girl (writer-director Tina Rathbone) has guts.'"

Rossellini added that whom she works with on a film counts for far more than commercial success. *Tough Guys* had little box-office impact.

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## SPORTS

PIRATES TAKE BRAVES TO TASK

## Davis takes Astros past Cardinals

NEW YORK, May 31, (AP): Scott Terry's pitch was good. Glenn Davis didn't care and wasn't bothered.

Davis opened the eighth inning with his 11th homer of the season, breaking a 4-4 tie and leading the Houston Astros to a 5-4 victory last night over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I didn't think anyone could hit that pitch out," Terry said. "Ninety-five per cent of the time that's a good pitch."

Davis agreed that Terry, 2-3, had not made a mistake.

"It was a pretty good pitch, but I hit it pretty good," Davis said.

Davis is tied for third in the National League in homers. He has 40 runs batted in, second-most in the NL behind Barry Bonds of Pittsburgh.

Jim Deshaies, 4-2, won his third straight, allowing five hits in eight inning. Dave Smith pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

Jose Oquendo hit a three-run homer, his third in 984 career at-bats.

**Pirates 14, Braves 2**

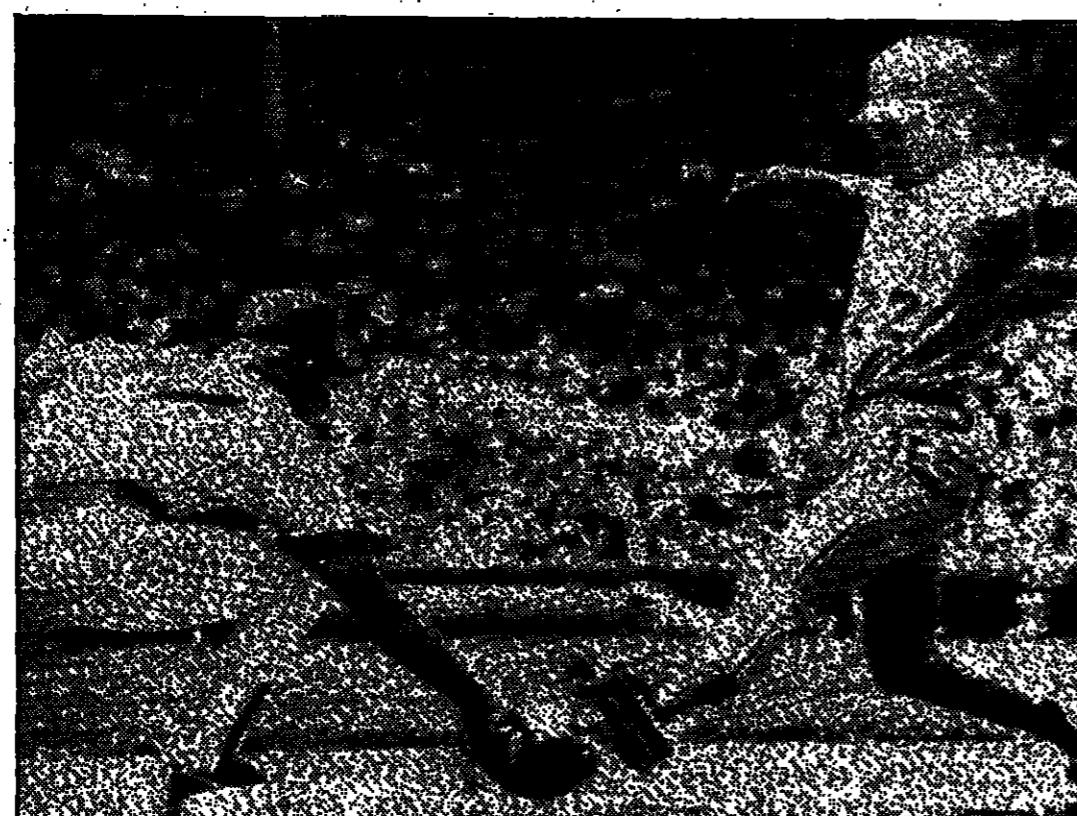
Pitcher Doug Drabek tripled home a pair of runs in a six-run fifth inning and allowed eight hits over eight innings.

Drabek, 5-3, walked none and struck out two before Barry Jones pitched the ninth. Pete Smith, 1-5, lost his fourth straight.

**Cubs 12, Reds 3**

Emergency starter Les Lancaster pitched his first Major League complete game and Ryne Sandberg's three-run homer highlighted a six-run second inning.

Lancaster, 3-4, started because of injuries to Rick Sut-



Reds' Dave Collins (right) manages to avoid a tag by Cuba's first baseman Mark Grace. (Reuter wirephoto)

cliffe, Al Nipper, Bob Tewksbury and Scott Sanderson. Lancaster allowed 11 hits, walked one and struck out four in his seventh Major League start.

**Phillies 7, Padres 3**

Juan Samuel had three hits and drove in three runs and the Philadelphia Phillies rallied for four runs in the sixth inning to win their fourth straight.

Shane Rawley, 4-5, allowed seven hits, struck out eight and

walked five in pitching his second complete game of the season.

**Expos 3, Giants 2**

Tim Raines hit a two-run, two-out single off Allee Hammaker in the ninth inning to send San Francisco to its fourth straight loss.

Andy McGuffigan, 3-0, pitched an inning of perfect relief for the victory.

**Astros 5, Cardinals 4**

Glenn Davis broke a tie with an

eighth-inning homer and Jim Deshaies allowed five hits in eight innings.

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**Mets 3, Dodgers 2**

Ron Darling allowed six hits in 8-2-3 innings in a rain-delayed game between division leaders.

Darling, 6-3, struck out nine and walked two. Randy Myers got the final out for his eighth

save. John Shelby hit an RBI double in the fourth and homered in the ninth to extend his hitting streak to 15 games.

**Indians 4, Royals 1**

Another pitcher from Texas, Cleveland's Greg Swindell, held Kansas City hitless for 6-2-3 innings and became the Major Leagues' first 10-game winner. Swindell, 10-1, walked the game's first batter, Kurt Stilwell, and then retired the next 20 batters before Danny Tarbill singled with two outs in the seventh and scored on singles by Kevin Seitzer and Bo Jackson.

**Athletics 3, Yankees 2**

Dave Henderson led off the bottom of the 14th with his sixth home run of the season, giving Oakland its sixth consecutive victory. Henderson connected off Steve Shields, 0-2, after the fourth New York pitcher had worked three perfect innings. Dennis Eckersley, 1-1, Oakland's fifth pitcher, went two innings for the victory.

**Rangers 6, Twins 1**

Jeff Russell, 4-0, allowed six hits in eight innings and Larry Parrish hit a two-run double as Texas ended Minnesota's eight-game winning streak.

Bert Blyleven, 3-5, lasted 4-1-3 innings but struck out five to move past Phil Niekro into seventh place on the all-time list with 3,343.

**Results**

American League	
Cleveland	4
Texas	6
Milwaukee	4
Oakland	3
Boston	5
Seattle	4
National League	
Pittsburgh	14
Chicago	12
Montreal	3
Philadelphia	7
New York	3
Houston	5
St Louis	



Bird (left) beats Pistons' Dennis Rodman to the ball. (Reuter wirephoto)

## ATHLETICS

Joyner-Kersee to concentrate on heptathlon

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 31, (Reuters): Jackie Joyner-Kersee knows it's time to start putting the package together again.

So this week, in the hours before the top collegians in the United States meet in their National Championships at Eugene, Oregon, Joyner-Kersee will concentrate on the least glamorous heptathlon disciplines as she begins preparations for the Seoul Olympics and a summer assault on her world record of 7,158 points.

"I'm going to work on my distance event," Joyner-Kersee said in joking reference to the 800 metres, the heptathlon events in which she sees the greatest margin for improvement.

In last year's World Championships, 10 of the 18 finishers posted faster times over 800 metres than Joyner-Kersee, the exhausted overall winner.

Her husband and coach, Bob Kersee, believes she can score 7,400 points this year, but Joyner-Kersee has a more realistic goal of 7,230.

## Practices

The week ahead will give some indication of where she stands as she practices her throws in the shot and javelin and works on her best event — the long jump.

There will be workouts in the 100-metre hurdles. Joyner-Kersee already has proven what she can do in that event this year.

Twice this month she either broke or tied the American record as she and training partner Gail Devers brought the United States a bit more respectability in the race.

Before this season, the US record was a paltry 12.79 seconds, light years from the world mark of 12.25 seconds by Bulgaria's Ginka Zagorcheva.

But last Saturday in the Grand Prix meet in San Jose, Joyner-Kersee skinned over the barriers in 12.61 seconds to tie Devers' week-old US record.

"She got out very well but she floated a little bit in the middle and she didn't run off the last hurdle, but the early part was very good," coach Kersee said in a quick analysis.

Joyner-Kersee called her efforts over the concluding three hurdles "sleepy."

But the showing was good enough that Joyner-Kersee said she now believes a time of 12.45 seconds is possible for her in the event. That would put her among the world's best.

## Likely

She already has claimed that honour in the long jump, equaling East German Heike Drechsler's world record of 7.45 metres at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis last year.

She will take a break from training on June 23 to long jump at San Diego, and will likely throw the shot and javelin in a few all-comers meetings.

But Joyner-Kersee's primary emphasis for the next month will be to prepare for the July 15-23 US Olympic trials in Indianapolis, where she hopes to make the team in both the heptathlon and long jump.

"We've started her training later this year because the Olympics are late," Kersee said. "But I think she's on schedule now."

## Johnson out until August with injury

TORONTO, May 31, (Reuters): The injury to Ben Johnson's leg is more serious than originally believed and will keep the world's fastest man out of action until six weeks before the Olympics, a Canadian athletics spokesman said yesterday.

Johnson, the 100-metre world record holder, is not expected to return to competition until the Canadian Athletics Championships beginning August 5. Canadian Track and Field Association spokeswoman Brenda Bedard said.

## Suffered

"They originally thought it was a muscle problem," said Bedard, of the injury Johnson suffered in a race earlier this year in Tokyo.

It turned out, however, that Johnson injured a tendon in his left leg, Bedard said.

"With any athlete other than a sprinter it wouldn't be that serious," she said.

Johnson was to have competed in six races in Europe next month, including a June 27 showdown in Paris against American Carl Lewis, which was to be the first of three pre-Olympic races between the world's two premier sprinters.

## Non-title fight

HOUSTON, May 31, (UPI): Frank Tate, the International Boxing Federation's Middleweight champion, yesterday scored a unanimous decision over Sanderline Williams in a non-title bout.

## Crowe hits second successive ton



Crowe: slammed an unbeaten 136

Yorkshire had claimed a first innings lead of 109 and taken three second innings wickets for 31 at Middlesbrough. Hampshire were 129 for four

at the close.

Derbyshire pacemen Ole Mortensen and Devon Malcolm claimed three wickets apiece as Nottinghamshire slumped from

an overnight 124 for four to 184 all out, with Dane Mortensen finishing with an innings analysis of five for 24.

Notts, 41 ahead on first innings, had Derbyshire struggling at 32 for three but Peter Bowler halted the slide with a patient undefeated 61 as his side ended the day at 122 without further loss.

Rain ruled out play in the matches between Essex and Surrey, and Middlesex and Sussex.

## Scores

At Middlesbrough: Hampshire 130 in 62.2 overs and 129 for four (C. Smith 72 not out). Yorkshire 239 in 89.5 overs (P. Carrick 46 not out, M. Moxon 40).

At Derby: Derbyshire 143 in 58.2 overs and 122 for three (P. Bowler 61 not out). Nottinghamshire 184 in 74.2 overs (D. Mortensen five for 24).

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 329 for nine declared in 110 overs (V. Marks five for 91) and 25 for two. Somerset 273 for five declared in 91 overs (M. Crowe 136 not out, J. Wyatt 47).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire 327 for eight declared in 110 overs. Leicestershire 143 in 52 overs (D. Capel four for 40) and 117 for two.

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## LOCAL CRICKET

## Scorpion overcome Summerset

SCORPION Cricket Club opened their bid for the Amar Summer Trophy with a 15-run victory over Summerset Cricket Club at the Yarmouth ground on Friday.

Scorpion, batting first, scored 155 for the loss of three wickets while Summerset managed only 140 for the loss of eight wickets in

the process.

## Support

The highlight of the Scorpion batting was a brilliant innings of 76 by Ghulam Haider. He hit a six and eight fours. He was given some good support by Mustafa who completed his half century in the last over of Scorpion's innings. Mustafa's 52 was scored with the help of five fours.

Seby Rocha took two wickets for Summerset.

Summerset, requiring over

seven runs per over for victory,

went for the target from the start and threw away their wickets in

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## YRC tourney

THE semifinals of the YRC Football Tournament will be held on June 3, 1988, at the Sour Ground as follows: 6:15 am Salente United Vs. Rising Stars and 7:45 am Goa Maroons Vs. Incredible Sports Club.

## Nacional win

MONTVIDEO, May 31. (Reuter): Nacional of Uruguay beat Brazil's Cruzeiro 3-2 (half-time 1-0) in the first leg of their South American Supercup semifinal yesterday.

## Crowd trouble

GENEVA, May 31. (Reuter): Crowd trouble during the first leg of the European Under-21 Soccer Championship final in Athens a week ago will be investigated by the European Football Union's (UEFA) disciplinary committee.

## Milk race

BOURNEMOUTH, England, May 31. (AP): French cyclist Philippe Casade won the first stage of the Milk race yesterday to take the overall lead by two seconds. On the opening day of the round-Britain race he led in a strong-out bunch to win a sprint finish to a 116-mile (186 kms) first leg ahead of Soviet Ivan Ivanov.

## Swim meet

BOCA RATON, Florida, May 31. (UPI): Janelle Elford won the 800-metre freestyle yesterday, leading the Australian Olympic team to victory in the Sundoon to Seoul international swim meet.

## Argentine star

MADRID, May 31. (Reuter): Argentine international forward Jorge Valdano said today he was giving up playing soccer to become part of the coaching team at Spanish League champions Real Madrid.

## TV rights

LONDON, May 31. (UPI): The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced here yesterday it has signed an agreement with Nippon Television Corporation to be the exclusive host broadcaster of the 1991 World Track and Field Championships which will be held in Tokyo from August 24-Sept 1. Nippon also has exclusive Japanese TV rights for the World Athletic Series 1988-1991.

## England games

BONN, May 31. (Reuter): The sale of tickets for England games during the European Soccer Championship finals will be banned on match days in a bid to avoid crowd trouble, the organising committee said today.

## Soviet squad

MOSCOW, May 31. (Reuter): Igor Dobrovolsky, the young attacking midfielder from Moscow Dynamo, has been unexpectedly dropped from the final 20-man Soviet squad for the European Soccer Championships in West Germany.

## PROVIS EDGES PAST SANCHEZ

## Sabatini to meet Graf in semifinals

PARIS, May 31. (Reuter): Gabriela Sabatini capitalised on a brief out-break of dry weather today — though storms of a different nature continued on-court — to join defending champion Steffi Graf in the semifinals of the French Open.

The 18-year-old Argentine completed a 4-6 6-1 6-3 victory over Canadian number one Helen Kelesi in a delayed quarterfinal match which ended on a controversial note following a disputed line call shortly before rain returned to Roland Garros.

## Appeared

Serving at 3-5 and 40-40 in the final set, the Canadian hit a forehand which appeared to land just outside the baseline but the rally continued when the linesman signalled the ball was good.

Kelesi, runner up to Sabatini in the Italian Open four weeks ago, won the point and prepared to serve. But the Argentine issued an immediate appeal and the linesman finally altered his decision after inspecting the bounce mark on the clay.

The umpire awarded the point to Sabatini, who was leading 2-1 in the third set when rain halted play yesterday evening, and it was then the Canadian's turn to serve.

Her prolonged and vociferous protestations were only brought

to an end by the combined efforts of the umpire, a representative of the tournament referee, and a Women's International Tennis Association (Wita) official.

Visibly upset, Kelesi finally continued the match after her counter-appeal that the point be played again was dismissed and she promptly missed an easy forehand to send Sabatini into Thursday's semifinals where she meets Graf.

Between further breaks in the rain, Nicole Provis became the first Australian women's semifinalist since Dianne Bates in 1980 when she beat Arantxa Sanchez of Spain 7-5 3-6 6-4 in a clash of unseeded teenagers on the centre court.

Finally, 24 hours late, the big boys came out to play.

With the 16,500 capacity centre court seething with anticipation, Ivan Lendl climbed into the ring to continue his defence of the title against John McEnroe, the long-awaited rematch of their classic 1984 Roland Garros encounter which the Czechoslovak won in five sets.

Before the first ball had been struck in anger, Lendl raised laughter during the knock up by hitting one volley with his racket behind his back.

The spectators booted their approval, McEnroe's face

showed he thought it was a cheap shot, and the American dismally sent a dainty lob over Lendl's head to land plumb on the baseline.

McEnroe, obviously deciding that was enough for the day, drew umpire Richard Kaufman's attention to the drizzle which had been falling, said "you can't play in front of umbrellas" and moodily stared at the heavens.

Kaufman boomed "play", and McEnroe blasted in a first serve, wrong-footed Lendl with a deft backhand volley, and punched away the champion's weak reply with arrogant nonchalance.

McEnroe won the first game with some panache, Lendl won the second despite opening with a double fault, and at 15-15 in the third, McEnroe again approached Kaufman to see what the umpire could do about the rain.

## Halt

Kaufman called a tournament official, he called chief umpire Jacques Dorfmann, and he finally called a halt after 17 minutes — four of which had been spent in conference.

On the evidence of what little had been seen, McEnroe's supporters were the ones wearing grins as the players disappeared.



McEnroe eyes the ball during his match. (Reuter, wirephoto)

## Europeans prepare for soccer finals

LONDON, May 31. (Agencies): Denmark, Ireland, Spain and the Netherlands play friendly soccer matches tomorrow as their build-up for the European Soccer Championship enters its final phase.

Danish manager Sepp Piontek plans to use his match against Czechoslovakia as an important fitness test for the players he has lined up for the finals while Spain hope to overcome recent indifferent performance and gain a morale-boosting win against Sweden.

## Practice

On-form Ireland, meanwhile, expect another warm-up victory ahead of the finals when they meet Norway while the Netherlands' Marco van Basten, who returned to the Dutch team for a practice match last weekend after recovering from injury, looks likely to be omitted from the side for tomorrow's match against Romania.

Coach Rinus Michels pulled him off at the end of the first half of the practice against an Ajax Amsterdam side and indicated afterwards he was not happy with Van Basten's performance on the left wing.

The Romania match is the last major test for the Dutch before they leave for the European Championship in West Germany.

Lacking strong left and right backs, Michels also sees a key defending role for his wing strikers. But Van Basten failed to fulfil that role.

"I can understand Marco wants to regain his rhythm in the front line particularly, but that's not the mentality I expect from my players," Michels said.

The 60-year-old coach is now expected to field Ajax captain John van 't Schip on the left, with Ruud Gullit and Ajax's John Bosman in the centre and PSV's Gerald vanenburg on the right.

Ireland's manager Jack Charlton, preparing his side for their first appearance in the finals of a major international competition, will look particularly to

newcomer David Kelly to extend their run of eight wins.

Kelly produced a hat-trick to help his club Walsall win promotion to the English Second Division with a 4-0 victory over Bristol City yesterday.

Ireland, have been hit by a spate of injuries but still beat Poland 3-1 in a friendly in Dublin 10 days ago.

Denmark, with seven experienced men on the recovery list, suffered a further blow on Sunday when midfielder Per Friemann, included in the European squad, went down with a groin injury.

Friemann told reporters he expected another warm-up victory ahead of the finals when they meet Norway while the Netherlands' Marco van Basten, who returned to the Dutch team for a practice match last weekend after recovering from injury, looks likely to be omitted from the side for tomorrow's match against Romania.

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"On Wednesday I will use my ideal line-up as far as possible but there is no guarantee they will all be ready," he added. "There will be no guarantee of that in West Germany either."

Spanish coach Miguel Munoz will field the side expected to play the first match in Spain's campaign for the European title — against Denmark — and created largely from League kings Real Madrid.

Members

Barcelona's goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta and midfielder Victor Munoz, defender Tomas Renones of Atletico and second top League scorer Jose Bakero of Real Sociedad will supplement seven members of the Real team.

But the Real players have failed to reproduce their stunning League form in international matches and Spain have lost two friendlies and drawn two.

Munoz, conscious of the side's lack of spark, gave them a two-hour lecture on offensive and defensive tactics yesterday.

## Soviets stun Indians

## Pakistan brush aside Britain

IPOH, Malaysia, May 31. (Reuter): The Soviet Union fought back with two quick goals to beat India 2-1 on the second day of a six-nation men's hockey tournament on Tuesday.

The Soviets became the first team to qualify for the semifinals from Group A after holding Asian Games champions South Korea 1-1 in the opening match on Monday.

In Group B, Olympic champions Pakistan thrashed Britain

4-0 and look set to top the group. They need only a draw against Malaysia tomorrow to reach the semifinals.

## Forced

Soviet team manager Mikhail Osinsev said: "We knew the Indians would have certain moves ready after having watched us playing against the Koreans and the best way was to upset the rhythm and to clamp on them quickly and aggressively so that they could not have any

time to think."

After a goalless first half, India took the lead in the 41st minute through a penalty from Balbir Singh.

The Russians forced the qualifier in the 49th minute thanks to Atanov Igor and Sergei Plechov scored the winner seven minutes later.

Pakistan coach Mudassir Ashgar was not happy with his players despite their victory

## Player disqualified while in toilet

PORTHCAWL, Wales, May 31. (AP): A visit to the men's room meant a 3,000-mile wasted journey for American Fred Rowland at the British Amateur Golf Championship yesterday.

The 49-year-old amateur from Kansas went to the toilet just as he was called to the first tee. And when he failed to appear, he was disqualified from the tournament on what would have been his first appearance.

## Called

"I had been practicing and went to the toilet before going out. But then I heard my name being called," Rowland said.

His playing partners already had teed off and Rowland was ruled out of time.

against Britain. "They missed a lot of scoring chances which they cannot afford against a stronger opponent," he said.

The Pakistanis opened the scoring in the 10th minute through Qasim Khan and in the 52nd minute Qazi Mohib made 2-0 with a penalty.

League secretary Jim Farry said: "Since the Premier Division has been reduced from 12 to 10 clubs, we had less fixtures to schedule and it was no problem to move those Saturday matches to midweek dates."

## Cup campaign

GLASGOW, May 31. (Reuter): The Scottish Football League yesterday threw their full weight behind Scotland's attempt to qualify for the 1990 World Cup.

In an unprecedented move, the League agreed at their annual meeting to postpone fixtures on four Saturdays before vital World Cup qualifying ties next season.

League secretary Jim Farry said: "Since the Premier Division has been reduced from 12 to 10 clubs, we had less fixtures to schedule and it was no problem to move those Saturday matches to midweek dates."

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Waves

He and his throttler Ali Alwan are keeping their strategy for the race a secret, but have not in any case had much opportunity to assess the calibre of the local competition.

Al Sha'ali explained the importance of his throttler. "He has to pay attention to the waves, so that he can reduce power at the right time," he explained. "Otherwise, if he leaves the engine at full power, when the boat jumps out of the water, the engine may break." Alwan has been with him for all the races. "Without him I can't race the boat."

Al Sha'ali intends to pursue a powerboat racing career at a higher level, but is keen to participate in all the races he can. He applauded Arab Times/Seyasat newspapers for organising this event, and also looked forward to seeing a series of such races each year.

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FINTAS — AT ALTAJAS TOWER SALWYA — BEHIND GREEN HILL

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## By Gail Seery

THREE of the four catamarans currently in Kuwait for Friday's 2nd Bi-annual Offshore Powerboat race were out practising yesterday afternoon, along with the oldest boat in the race, a Bertram 'V' driven by Ahmed Al Hassan.

Abdulla Al Sha'ali and Khaled Bakhit of Dubai were testing their Tigercats, and Mishal Al Jarallah was out driving his Cougar under the watchful eye of Grant Wilson of the Cougar company who has flown to Kuwait to watch the race. The waves were around 2-3ft, and conditions were clearly straightforward for these boats.

I was out to see the Cougar put through its paces, a treat Mishal Al Jarallah had been promising me since the boat arrived last week. It was exhilarating to see the racing boats fly through the waves, churning up the sea behind them. It was my first time on a powerboat of any description, and I could see that the three cats ahead of us were very special boats indeed.

## Difference

Then Khaled and Hamid Bakhit drew alongside in their Tigercat, "Dubai." When we met a few days ago I had joked about my inexperience of this sport, and remarked that I could just about tell the difference between a powerboat and a fire engine. I was discussing the sea conditions with Bakhit, and he told me that the waves for the Dubai race had been three or four times as high. "Then you're crazy," I told him. "And you?" "Oh yes, I'm crazy." I agreed, surprised that there was

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